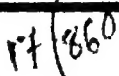


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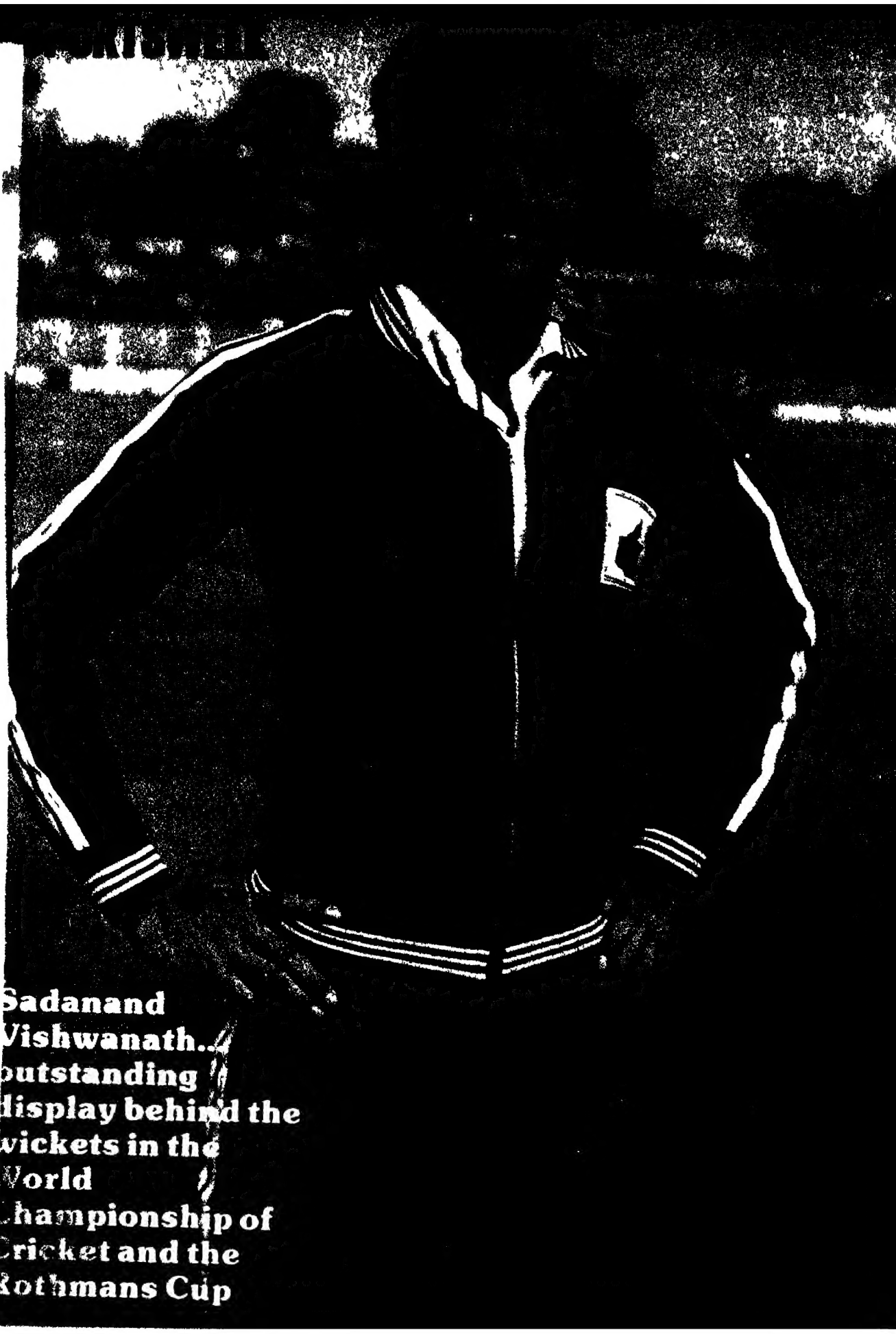
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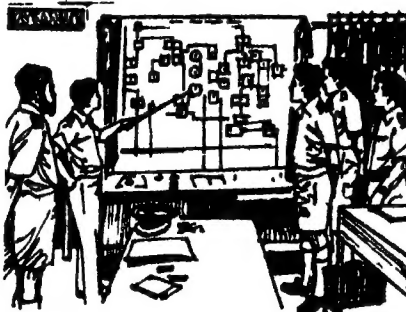
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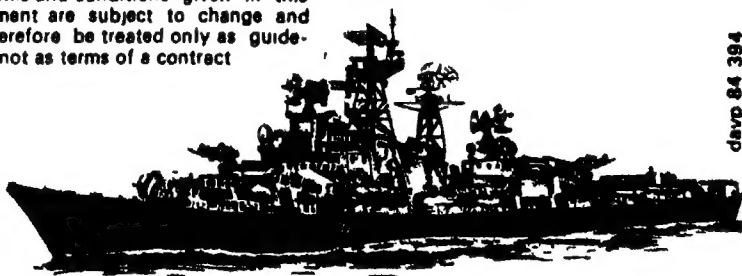
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RANJI TROPHY

Bombay vs Delhi

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Bombay pull off a remarkable win

By Ayaz Memon

FOR four days Delhi held the whip-hand in the Ranji Trophy final against Bombay they had restricted the home side to a reasonable score in the first innings taken the all important lead and were cruising along merrily to an outright victory

When the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was well in sight they tripped and fell on their faces and Bombay in a remarkable turnabout pipped them to the post to win the trophy for the 30th time in 51 years

For the moment one gentleman called Ravishankar Shastri can do no wrong. He has been the outstanding Test cricketer for the country this season both in Tests and one day internationals and wound up the season with an impressive matchwinning allround performance in the final. His eight wickets in Delhi's second innings all on the last day were a follow up to four in the first and scores of 29 and 76.

But if Ravi Shastri played the most significant role in what was one of the finest games of cricket seen in recent years the contribution of a host of others was also important.

The absolute mastery of Sunil Gavaskar the genius and exotic flavour of Sandeep Patil's batting however brief the grit and lion heartedness of Madan Lal the tenacity and determination of Chetan Chauhan the fine bowling of Maninder Singh and the promise shown by young Ajay Sharma and Bhaskar Pillay made the final a memorable contest.

Day one of the final dawned with the arrival of Bombay stalwarts Sunil Gavaskar and Ravi Shastri from their short sojourn to Bahrain following the Rothmans Cup in Sharjah. Dilip Vengsarkar who had arrived a day earlier had opted out of the final with a groin injury which made the participation of Gavaskar and Shastri imperative for Bombay.

The two stars obliged by forsaking their sleep to reach the ground on time. Gavaskar won the toss to give Bombay's chances a fillip for it was widely believed that the wicket was full of runs and the side batting first had only to bat on relentlessly and compile a mammoth total to clinch the issue.

His good deed done Gavaskar returned to the pavilion presumably to relax and grab a few winks before his turn to bat. But the approach of the Bombay batsmen would have caused insomnia even to Rip Van Winkle.

Within the first hour Bombay were three wickets down for 42 and the short stocky figure of Gavaskar trudging along to the middle the lack of sleep and rest quite apparent in his lethargic walk.

Once he had taken guard however there was a sudden transformation. Gavaskar remarkably shrugged off physical and mental fatigue and exhibited the same concentration, patience and technique which has made him a phenomenon in modern cricket.

Apart from a streaky stroke off Madan Lal early on Gavaskar was the complete master as he first averted a

collapse and then gained total control over the proceedings. He was ably supported by Sandeep Patil who played a blemishless responsible knock.

The two put on 100 runs for the fourth wicket before Patil made his only error and got out. He advanced down the track to Maninder Singh changed his mind to play a defensive stroke only to edge the ball to a silly point.

Gavaskar had dropped anchor but lost no opportunity to score off the loose deliveries. All he needed was the batsmen to support him at the other end and the final could well have been an encore of last year's final when Bombay ground Delhi to dust scoring 625.

Shastri and Chandrakant Pandit



Sunil Gavaskar square-drives Maninder Singh on the way to his magnificent hundred in Bombay's first innings

both capable batsmen, however failed in this respect. Shastri played flamboyantly for his 29 runs, but threw his wicket away trying to cut an arm-ball from Maninder Singh which was pitched on the off stump

Pandit played well enough to add 80 runs with Gavaskar but did Bombay a great disservice by throwing his wicket away in the last 15 minutes of the day, especially since an over earlier, Gavaskar too had got out

Gavaskar had reached a magnificent hundred, his 20th in the Ranji Trophy, off 185 balls and inclusive of 13 fours. On reaching his ton, he had, in a rare show of emotion on the field, thrown his hat in the air and waved excitedly to his supporters who had turned out in large numbers.

It was revealed later that Gavaskar was probably playing his last Ranji match in Bombay what with the Indian cricket team scheduled for two overseas tours in the forthcoming sea-

son and his plans of retirement after the tour in the forthcoming season and his plans of retirement after the tour of England still very much on.

If indeed it was a farewell gift, Bombay's spectators could not have asked for a better one from their most loved son.

As a final gambit, Madan Lal claimed the new ball 20 minutes before close and it paid immediate dividends. He knocked back Gavaskar's off stump as the Bombay skipper played a tired stroke to a ball which cut back and went between bat and pad.

In the next over, Pandit played an atrocious stroke across the line to Manoj Prabhakar and was caught plumb in front. Delhi, with these two quick wickets had come right back into the game.

Bombay's tail failed to wag the next morning and they were bowled out for 333, inclusive of eight penalty runs.

On a wicket which was playing true, this was an inadequate total. The Delhi team was overjoyed for they had sensed their chance. All they had to do was to bat sensibly, take the lead and then bat on, and consume valuable time.

By mid-afternoon, the Delhi innings was in shambles. In a fiery spell, Raju Kulkarni broke the back of the Delhi batting and had them reeling at 87 for five. In spells, Kulkarni is probably the fastest bowler in the land, rivalled only by T.A. Sekhar of Tamil Nadu.

But he is also a very erratic bowler, which is one reason why he has not been considered for international matches. But on this day, he bowled

SCORE-BOARD

Bombay: 1st innings:

L S Rajput c Chauhan b Prabhakar 0, G Parker c Khanna b Madan Lal 23, S Hattangadi c Khanna b Valson 7, S M Patil c Bhaskar b Maninder Singh 54, S M Gavaskar b Madan Lal 106, R J Shastri b Maninder Singh 29, C S Pandit lbw b Prabhakar 49, A Sippy c Ajay Sharma b Madan Lal 16, K Mokashi (not out) 14, Raju Kulkarni c Srivastava b Madan Lal 15, Ravi Kulkarni b Maninder Singh 2, Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 7) 10

Total (including 8 penalty runs for Delhi bowling 2 overs short) 333

Fall of wickets 1-1, 2 27, 3 42, 4 142, 5 194, 6 274, 7 276, 8 300, 9 318

Bowling: Madan Lal 25 8-42-4, Prabhakar 17 3-69-2, Valson 12 0-50-1, Maninder Singh 29 5-6-76-3, Srivastava 9 0-36-0, Azad 6 0-35-0, Ajay Sharma 4 1-15-0

Delhi: 1st innings:

C P S Chauhan c Hattangadi b Shastri 98, S Khanna lbw b Raju Kulkarni 13, Gursheeran Singh b Raju Kulkarni 10, K Azad c Pandit b Raju Kulkarni 9, K P Bhaskar c Pandit b Raju Kulkarni 0, M Prabhakar c Raju Kulkarni b Shastri 21, Madan Lal c Pandit b Shastri 78, Ajay Sharma c Hattangadi b Mokashi 131, Maninder Singh lbw b Raju Kulkarni 3, Srivastava c Hattangadi b Shastri 7, S Valson (not out) 21, Extras (lb 7) 7

Total 398

Fall of wickets 1 27, 2 41, 3 52, 4 65, 5 87, 6 191, 7 268, 8 311, 9 330

Bowling: Raju Kulkarni 32 4-106-5, Ravi Kulkarni 21 4-55-0, Shastri 48-18-91-4, Sippy 3 0-20-0, Mokashi 15-5-2-63-1, Rajput 15 2-40-0, Gavaskar 1 0-7-0, Patil 2 0-9-0

Bombay: 2nd innings:

G Parker b Madan Lal 14, S Hattangadi c Ajay Sharma b Madan Lal 5, L S Rajput st Khanna b Maninder Singh 63, S M Patil c Azad b Maninder 57, S M Gavaskar b Maninder 64, R J Shastri c Prabhakar b Maninder 76, C S Pandit c Maninder b Azad 44, Raju Kulkarni (not out) 17, Extras (b 7, lb 6, nb 2, w 1) 16

Total (for 7 wickets declared) 364 (including eight penalty runs for slow over rate)

Fall of wickets 1-13, 2 31, 3 129, 4 160, 5 275, 6 306, 7 356

Bowling: Madan Lal 19 3-57-2, Prabhakar 10 3-39-0, Maninder 36 6-132-4, Valson 2 0-33-0, Srivastava 8 1-28-0, Azad 18 3-1-54-1

Delhi: 2nd innings:

C P S Chauhan c Pandit b Shastri 54, M Prabhakar c Rajput b Shastri 44, Gursheeran Singh lbw b Mokashi 2, K Azad b Shastri 0, K P Bhaskar c Jadhav b Shastri 60, S Khanna st Pandit b Shastri 27, S Madan Lal (run out) 6, A Sharma b Shastri 10, Maninder Singh lbw b Shastri 0, S Srivastava b Shastri 3, S Valson (not out) 0, Extras (b 1, lb 2) 3

Total 209

Fall of wickets 1 95, 2 100, 3 100, 4 122, 5 171, 6 187, 7 198, 8 198, 9 206

Bowling: Raju Kulkarni 7 0-28-0, Ravi Kulkarni 4 0-15-0, Shastri 39 6-17-91-8, Mokashi 32 1-1-32-0, Rajput 3 0-9-0



Sandeep Patil is smartly caught by Kirti Azad in the slip off Maninder Singh for 57 in the second innings



superbly. He used the short pitched delivery only as a shock weapon but otherwise bowled right up and used the seam to derive movement off the wicket.

Surinder Khanna's hit and miss methods got him 13 quick runs before he was leg before to Kulkarni. Gursharan was beaten by sheer pace and had his middle stump knocked out. Kirti Azad, who survived a torrid first form Raju, including a confident appeal for a catch off his glove, fell for nine, a sight behind.

At the stage Chetan Chauhan, who had been holding one on end up to his wicket in courageous manner, was hit on his left hand and had to retire with a fractured finger. Fore and off a memorable spell, Kulkarni dismissed Chetan Chauhan's first ball, attempting a brace to fly from his body.

Put not for nothing, Madan Lal known as the Lion of Delhi. A great batter, a gutsy cricketer, Madan Lal, craves to Delhi are now legendary. He revels under pressure, which was evident yet again in this match. He found an ally in Chetan Chauhan who resumed his innings after the departure of Manoj Prabhakar, to resurrect the Delhi innings.

Madan, cutting and driving powerfully, put on 104 runs with Chauhan before a pink ball decision by umpire Bhunish Ganguly gave Bombay the breakthrough.

Appealing for a pull off Ravi Shastri, Madan missed the ball completely. The ball after hitting his pad lobbed

gently to keeper Pandit and the appeal was upheld. It was the first of about four decisions which seemed away and at close of play with Delhi on 208 for six, the game was wide open.

Ajay Sharma, playing in his first Ranji season, made the third day his own on two counts. It was his 21st birthday, and to celebrate the occasion he notched up his first hundred in first class cricket. And he did it in style that holds out promise of many more runs and hundreds to follow in the future.

Sharma survived a slash over the head of Gavaskar in the slips off Raju Kulkarni but then flowered to play a great knock with the pressure very much on him. He has all the strokes and in the tradition of good players, time to play them.

He piloted Delhi to a first innings lead, first with Chetan Chauhan as partner and then the tail enders. Chauhan had reached a painstaking but invaluable score of 98 when he fell with the total on 268, still 65 runs behind Bombay.

But Sharma then assumed charge and played with a maturity that belied his age. He formed the bowling intelligently and kept the scoreboard ticking along with some handsome strokes.

The tension increased as Delhi lost Maninder Singh at 311 and Srivastava at 330. But an edge for four by last man Valson ensured Delhi the lead to great rejoicing in the Delhi dressing room. Sharma however had not com-

pleted his job.

He reached his hundred with a glorious six off Kiran Mokashi and then settled down to frustrate the Bombay bowlers. With Valson presenting a straight blade to everything, the last pair added 68 priceless runs in 83 vital minutes before Sharma holed out to mid off off Shastri.

Bombay's task was cut out. They had to wipe out the lead and then score reasonably fast to set Delhi a challenging target in the second innings. With two days and 90 minutes of play still remaining, the match had developed to a very interesting stage.

Bombay's innings suffered immediate shocks again as Madan Lal struck two quick blows, dismissing Ghulam Parkar and Hattangadi Patil then joined Rajput and the final hour of the day's play became pulsating as Patil indulged in his famous but infrequent pyrotechnics.

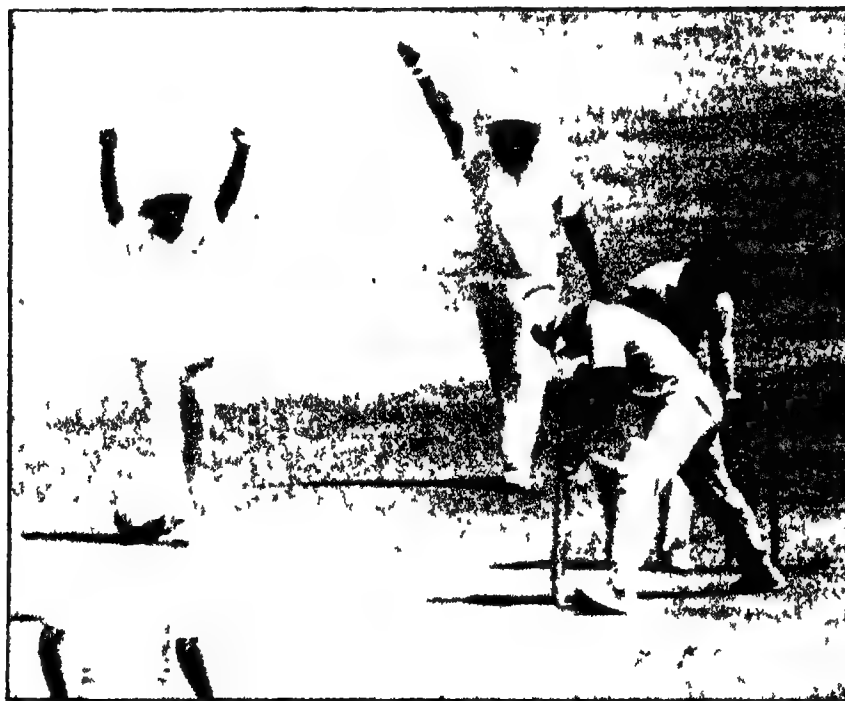
He progressed sedately enough to six when Madan Lal brought in left arm seamer Sunil Valson. Valson's first ball, a short one outside the off stump, was cut exquisitely to the point fence for four. Valson then bowled short on the leg stump and Patil nonchalantly hooked him for another boundary. The lesson was not learnt and Valson persisted in pitching short to Patil.

He was hooked for three more fours and a glorious six as Patil raced through his 20s. In Valson's next over, Patil struck him for two boundaries again. Valson was ravaged for 33 runs in two overs and did not bowl any more in the match. Patil had reached his half century off just 41 deliveries, including nine fours and one six as Bombay finished at 107 for two.

Sensing some exciting, exhilarating batting from Patil and with Gavaskar and Shastri to follow more than 40,000 spectators turned up to watch the match on the fourth day. The Test against England too had not evoked such a response and the Bombay Cricket Association officials were flabbergasted since they had not printed enough tickets.

Patil however disappointed. He added only six runs more, all in singles, to his overnight score before he was dismissed. But Rajput, Gavaskar, Shastri and Pandit all played well to boost Bombay's total to 364 (including eight penalty runs) when Gavaskar applied the closure, setting Delhi a target of 300 in 90 minutes plus the entire final day.

Delhi bowlers had done their job extremely well, restricting the Bombay batsmen and keeping them on a leash. Maninder in particular, bowled with a lot of guile and skill and was rewarded



Kirti Azad plays on to a delivery from Ravi Shastri and Delhi lose another vital wicket in the second innings



Lalchand Rajput is easily stumped by 'keeper Khanna off Maninder Singh in Bombay's second innings. Rajput scored 63

with four good wickets, those of Rajput, Patil, Gavaskar and Shastri.

Gavaskar's declaration was a shrewd one. Though 300 was not an impossible target, the time he had allowed Delhi to get them in had ensured that there were only two possibilities — an outright win for either side. There was no question of Delhi playing out time to win the match on the first innings lead.

By the end of the day, however, Chauhan and Prabhakar had provided Delhi with a sound start of 51, without being separated. Patil, leading the side in place of the indisposed Gavaskar, was hoping for a quick break through from Raju Kulkarni.

The young Bombay speedster, however, bowled too short and was off target to pose any problems. With the spinners Shastri and Mokashi too unable to make an impression, Delhi were sitting pretty.

The final day's play saw an absorbing tussle as Delhi first consolidated their position, before Bombay broke through, put Delhi in a crisis and then swung the match irrevocably in their favour.

Much of the blame for Delhi's sensational collapse must rest with their batsmen, who showed neither the temperament nor the sense of purpose to achieve their end. True, the wicket was affording turn to the spinners. But on a fifth day wicket, this was only to be expected.

But the assistance Shastri and Mokashi got from the track was far from venomous. Except for the odd delivery, the ball spun slowly and afforded enough time for the batsmen to play

then strokes credent.

The devil was only in the minds of the Delhi batsmen and once Bombay got the break through, they cracked under pressure.

Chauhan and Prabhakar had taken the score to 95 when a Shastri delivery spun across the face of Chauhan's bat. The appeal was upheld much to the Delhi opener's consternation. He renounced with the umpire and threw his gloves and bat in disgust on reach-

ing the dressing room.

It must have been the umpteenth time that Chauhan had been dismissed in the 90s. But what must have been more galling to him was the fact that the Bombay bowlers, who had shown signs of frustration, now appeared rejuvenated and revived.

Shastri suddenly became the man with the Midas touch. Every over he bowled looked like producing a wicket, and with Kiran Mokashi bowling accurately from the other end, the Delhi batsmen were literally in a spin.

That their fears were unfounded is a different matter. In their anxiety, most of them played foolish strokes and gifted their wickets away. Gaursharan, in fact, played no stroke and was leg before. Khanna's slap-dash effort was briefly entertaining but hardly encouraging to his teammates. And when Madan Lal ran himself out, Delhi's flame of hope had been extinguished. Shastri ran through the tail to lead Bombay to a glorious victory.

Madan Lal confessed later that his batsmen had thrown the game away and he was right for as Bhaskar Pillay showed in his attractive knock of 60, that strokes could be played if the batsmen were prepared for the loose ball.

But then I must give all credit to Bombay. They are a remarkable side and pulled off a remarkable win, said Madan. The truth can sometimes be profoundly simple.



Chetan Chauhan plays a flowing stroke off the front foot to an over-pitched delivery from Raju Kulkarni during his 54 in Bombay's second innings



RANJI TROPHY



Raju Kulkarni sends Gursharan Singh's stump cart-wheeling in Delhi's first innings



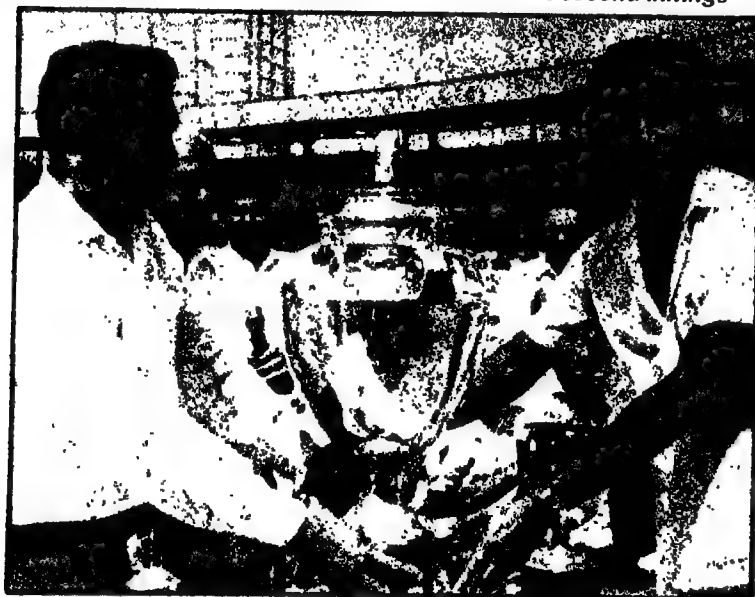
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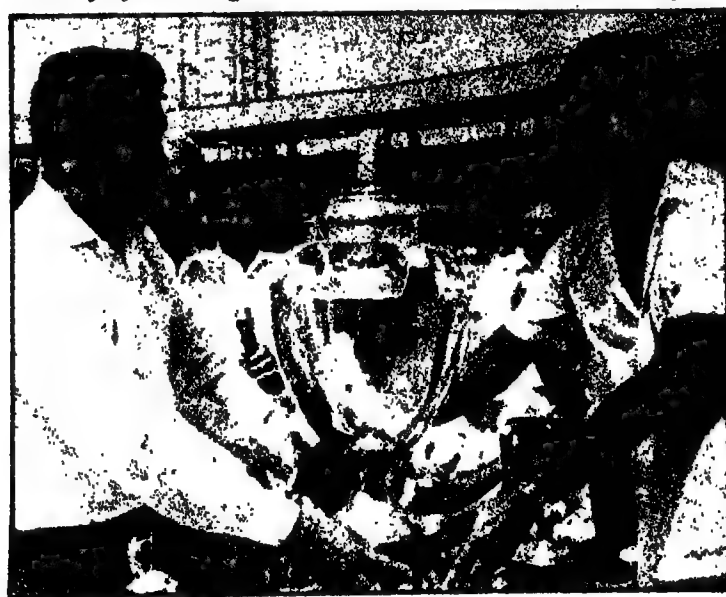
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A tremendous Kiwi fightback

By A Special Correspondent

NEW ZEALAND just about managed to stave off defeat in the first Test against West Indies through the composed resourcefulness of Jeremy Coney and the experience and skill of Richard Hadlee. It was a tremendous fightback by these two after Malcolm Marshall had threatened to run through the batting on the last day of a Test which appeared to be progressing towards a certain draw after a total of five hours of play were lost on the second and third days.

Viv Richards, now leading the West Indies officially after the retirement of Clive Lloyd, opted for first strike on a wicket which had some life in it to help the seamers. Richard Hadlee was quick to capitalise on this assistance and within minutes of the start of play the West Indies were in some trouble at nine runs for two wickets, both claimed by Hadlee with both Haynes and Gomes out for ducks.

The West Indies rallied through Gordon Greenidge and Richie Richardson who put on 185 runs for the third wicket. The two batted sensibly and circumspectly to pull their side out of the woods. Barring one chance when Greenidge was dropped by Howarth in the slips off Hadlee, the New Zealanders toiled in vain for most of the day.

Fifty minutes before close of play Richardson fell to the gentle medium pace of Jeremy Coney and in the next over Greenidge played all over a delivery from Boock to be bowled. Greenidge had scored a round 100 and had dispelled all doubts about his ability and fitness following a poor tour of Australia.

Except for a masterly 57 from skipper Viv Richards, the other West Indies batsmen could not build on the foundation provided by Greenidge and Richardson and West Indies folded up disappointingly for 307. Richard Hadlee in his second spell took two wickets, but the major damage was done by Ewen Chatfield who in a sustained spell of accurate fast-medium bowling grabbed four quick wickets.

The New Zealand innings followed more or less the same course as the

West Indies. Debutant Ken Rutherford made an inauspicious start to his Test career, dismissed for a blob by Marshall. But as Greenidge and Richardson had done, Wright and Jeff Crowe dug in to retrieve the situation for their side. The two put on 110 runs for the second wicket and with the wicket having eased out considerably, a first innings lead for the tourists was a distinct possibility.

Off-spinner Roger Harper, however,

took two vital wickets in the post tea session to bring the West Indies back in the game. He first dismissed Jeff Crowe who was beaten in flight and drove back a return catch. Jeff's younger brother Martin was immediately afterwards trapped leg before by Michael Holding playing across, and when Harper had Wright caught by Richardson caught in the slips, the match had again become evenly poised.



Viv Richards . blasted the New Zealand bowling in the quest for quick runs and an early declaration

Holding ran through the batting on the fourth day in a hostile spell and New Zealand were bowled out for 262. Four hours of play had been lost on the third day due to rain and faulty covering of the wicket which had allowed water to seep through. Both the captains had decided to call off play and the spectators sensing that the match was heading towards an inextricable draw, decided to keep away from the ground on the fourth day.

They missed the most exciting phase of the match as first Holding routed New Zealand and then the West Indies, with skipper Richards leading the charge, blasted the New Zealand bowling in the quest for quick runs and an early declaration.

Richards was at his punitive best. He hit a six and 11 fours in his 78 and completely dominated a 111 runs stand with Des Haynes, made in better than even time. Haynes too scored 78 and Gus Logie chipped in with a brisk 42 which enabled Richards to declare the innings a little before lunch on the final day at 261 for eight leaving New



Gordon Greenidge... his century dispelled all doubts about his ability and fitness following a poor tour of Australia

Zealand a good chance of getting the 307 runs needed for victory in 245 minutes plus the 20 mandatory overs.

New Zealand made a disastrous start again with the unfortunate Ruth erford registering his second duck of the match run out of the last ball of the first over. Wright and Jeff Crowe batted solidly to take the score to 40 before Wright was trapped leg before by Holding.

And then Marshall took over with a devastating spell in which he ripped the heart of the New Zealand batting and then reeling to 83 for five a little before tea. With more than two hours remaining it appeared that the West Indies pacemen would finish off the job of mopping up the tail without undue trouble.

The hitch of course was to get rid of either Coney or Richard Hadlee. But Richard Hadlee and Coney batted defiantly and courageously withstanding all the efforts of the West Indies pacemen to dislodge them. Coney fell after the mandatory overs had begun but by then he had led his side to safety. The man of the match award was shared by Chatfield and Richards.

SCORE-BOARD

West Indies 1st innings

C G Greenidge b Boock 100 D L Haynes c Rutherford b Hadlee 0 H A Gomes c Smith b Hadlee 0 R B Richardson c Hadlee b Coney 78 I V A Richards b Hadlee 57 A I Logie b Chatfield 24 P J Dujon b Chatfield 15 M D Marshall c sub (Bracewell) b Chatfield 0 R A Harper b Howarth b Chatfield 0 M A Holding lbw b Hadlee 12 J Garner (not out) 0 Extras (b 1 lb 16 nb 4) 21
Total 307
Fall of wickets 1 5 29 3 114 4 136 5 234 6 267 7 267 8 269 9 302

Bowling: Hadlee 74 3 6 8 4 4 Chatfield 78 11 50 4 4 Coney 9 3 17 1 0 Boock 19 4 47 1 0 C 9 3 17 1 0

NEW ZEALAND 1st innings

J G Wright c Richardson b Harper 40 K R Rutherford c Haynes b Marshall 0 J J Crowe c and b Harper 0 M D Crowe lbw b Holding 3 G P Howarth c sub b Holding 45 J V Coney lbw b Marshall 25 R J Hadlee c Garner b Holding 14 D S Smith c Logie b Holding 10 B I Cairns c Harper b Garner 8 S I Boock c sub b Garner 3 F J Chatfield (not out) 4 Extras (b 12 lb 11 nb 10 w 9) 42

Total 262
Fall of wickets 1 1 2 110 3 113 4 132 5 182 6 223 7 225 8 248 9 254

Bowling: Marshall 25 3 7 2 Garner 21 4 8 41 2 Holding 29 8 79 4 Harper 22 11 33 2 Richards 20 7 0 Comes 10 1 0

WEST INDIES 2nd innings

D L Haynes c M Crowe b Chatfield 78 R B Richardson c Smith b Chatfield 3 H A Gomes c and b Chatfield 25 I V A Richards b Cairns 78 A I Logie b Cairns 42 P J Dujon b Chatfield 5 M D Marshall c Coney b Chatfield 1 R A Harper (not out) 11 M A Holding c J Crowe b Chatfield 8 Extras (b 3 nb 7) 10

Total (for eight wickets declared) 261
Fall of wickets 1 10 2 58 3 172 4 226 5 239 6 240 7 241 8 261

Bowling: Hadlee 17 2 58 0 Chatfield 22 4 73 6 Cairns 19 2 70 2 Boock 14 4 57 0

New Zealand-2nd innings

J G Wright lbw b Holding 19 K R Rutherford (run out) 0 J J Crowe c Garner b Marshall 27 M D Crowe c Haynes b Marshall 2 G P Howarth b Marshall 14 J V Coney c Dujon b Marshall 44 R J Hadlee (not out) 39 D S Smith (not out) 11 Extras (b 17 lb 6 nb 8) 31

Total (for six wickets) 187
Fall of wickets 1 0 2 40 3 39 4 76 5 83 6 158

Bowling: Marshall 26 4 65 4 Garner 18 2 41 0 Holding 7 6 35 1 Harper 14 7 19 0 Richards 2 1 1 0 Gomes 1 2 0 Richardson 1 1 0 0 Logie 1 1 0 0

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Port of Spain dossier

	Inaugural year	Total played	West Indies won	Opponents won	Matches drawn
vs England	Feb 1930	11	3	4	4
vs India	Jan 1953	9	2	2	5
vs Australia	Apr 1955	8	2	2	4
vs Pakistan	Feb 1958	4	2	2	6
vs New Zealand	Mar 1972	3	0	0	3
		35	9	10	16

Updated to April 3, 1985 when the Kiwis forced a draw to keep intact their no result sequence in all their six Tests in the Caribbean played so far. This was the third draw in a row in the last three Tests at this venue, the previous two (vs India in 1983 and vs Australia in 1984) also ended indecisively

Highest totals

The record at Port of Spain is 681 for eight declared by West Indies vs England in 1954. The best by a visiting side at this venue Australia's 600 for nine declared in 1955. The highest for the Windies in a Test vs the Kiwis at Port of Spain 368 in 1972. New Zealand's highest at this venue 348 in 1972.

Lowest completed totals

Australia's 90 in 1978 is the record low score at Port of Spain. The lowest by the Windies at this venue 112 vs England in 1960. In the abortive 1971-72 series New Zealand (162) and West Indies (194) recorded their lowest total against each other at this venue.

Top score

India's Sunil Gavaskar enjoys the distinction of registering the highest individual score at Port of Spain 220 in 1971. Everton Weekes holds the record for the top score by a West Indian at this venue against three countries: 207 vs India in 1953, 206 vs England in 1954 and 139 vs Australia in 1955.

The West Indies best against the Kiwis is 101 by Alvin Kalicharran in 1972, while the Kiwi best is 166 not out by Bev Congdon in 1972.

Centuries

In the recent Test, Gordon Greenidge recorded the 71st century at Port of Spain, the 33rd by West Indies and their second against New Zealand at this venue. The Windies have hit 12 centuries vs India at Port of Spain, 11 vs England, seven vs Australia and one vs Pakistan.

Out of the 38 centuries at Port of Spain for the opponents, England has



Sunil Gavaskar... highest individual score at Port of Spain

scored 15, India 13, Australia seven, Pakistan two and New Zealand one.

Highest stands

The record at Port of Spain is 338 for the 3rd wicket between Everton Weekes and Frank Worrell vs England in 1954. For a visiting side, the best at this venue is 237 for the 4th wicket between 'Patsy' Hendren and Les Ames for England in 1930.

In the recent Test, West Indies set a record for their highest stand at Port of Spain against the Kiwis with 185 for the 3rd wicket between Gordon Greenidge and Richie Richardson erasing the previous best of 101 between Kalicharran and Charlie Davis in 1972.

Although John Wright and Jeff Crowe added 109 for the 2nd wicket in the recent Test, they could not overhail the Kiwi best at Port of Spain 139 for the 2nd wicket between Glenn Turner and Bev Congdon in 1972.

Century partnership

A total of 76 century partnerships (including the three in the recent Test) have been recorded at Port of Spain: 32 for West Indies (10 each vs England and India, eight vs Australia, three vs New Zealand and one vs Pakistan), and 44 for visiting sides (14 for England, 13 for India, eight for Australia, six for Pakistan and three for New Zealand).

Best innings bowling

The record at Port of Spain is Jack Noreiga's nine for 95 for West Indies vs India in 1971. The best by a visiting bowler at this venue eight for 86 by Tony Greig for England in 1974.

In the recent Test, New Zealander Ewan Chatfield created a record for the best innings bowling figures by a Kiwi with six for 73, replacing the previous best of five for 41 by Bruce Taylor in 1972.

The best by a Windies bowler against New Zealand at Port of Spain remains Inshan Ali's five for 59 in 1972.

Best match figures

The record at Port of Spain is Tony Greig's 13 for 156 for England in 1974. The best by a Windies bowler at this venue 11 for 229 by W. Ferguson vs England in 1948.

Ewan Chatfield's aggregate of 10 for 124 in the recent Test is the best by a Kiwi at Port of Spain, wiping out Bruce Taylor's aggregate of eight for 115 in 1972. Inshan Ali's match tally of seven for 158 in 1972 remains the best by a Windies bowler against NZ at Port of Spain.



Neutral umpires for World Cup

THE World Cup sub committee of the International Cricket Conference which met in Bombay during the Ranji Trophy final have grouped India with Australia and New Zealand for the championship to be jointly held by India and Pakistan in 1987. Mr Jack Bailey, secretary of the ICC informed the mediapersons later that the fourth team in India's group would be an associate member which will qualify after the tournament between the associate members for the ICC trophy to be held in England in 1986.

The teams comprising group 'B' are West Indies, Pakistan, England and Sri Lanka. Bailey explained that the groupings were determined with two conditions in mind. Firstly, India and Pakistan should be in different groups because the matches involving the two countries will be held on their respective soils in the preliminary stage. The other condition was that the winner and runners up of the 1983 Prudential Cup should be in different groups.

The committee decided at the meeting that the semi-final between group 'A' winners and group 'B' runners up would be held in Bombay on November 1 and 2. The other semi-final would be played at Lahore on the same

dates. The final is scheduled for Calcutta on November 7 and 8. The tournament which will commence on October 9, will be played on a double leg basis as has been the practice in the three previous tournaments. Each match will be played over two days for 120 overs, though play will continue on the first day for as long as possible.

One major departure from the usual this time is that umpires from outside the host countries will also officiate in the matches. Bailey clarified that in response to the requests by both India and Pakistan, the committee had decided to have, in addition to two umpires from India and Pakistan, one umpire each from Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, Sri Lanka and two from England would be on duty. The final approval for this move will be sought from the ICC in July. But Bailey emphasised that this departure did not mean the acceptance of neutrality in the matches.

The participating countries have asked for and been granted an acclimatisation period before the tournament commences. The teams will also be given a day free of travel before a match.

The representatives from West In-

dies were absent for the meeting, but Bailey scotched rumours that they had not come because they were not in agreement with the tournament being staged in the sub continent. The truth, he added, was that the top people in the West Indies Cricket Board were committed to receiving the New Zealand team in the Caribbean and hence could not come. They had however, confirmed their approval of the scheme through tele messages.

The President of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, Safdar Butt nor the secretary Rafi Nasim could also make it to the meeting. But the two representatives who did come, Khwaja Amin and N. Amin, graciously informed the meeting that they would abide by any decision taken by the Indian Board president N K P. Salve.

The meeting was attended by F.G. Mann (chairman) and Donald Carr (TCCB secretary) from England, Khwaja Amin and N. Amin from Pakistan, Mr Picanik from New Zealand, Mr. Vusalgo from Gibraltar, Mr. R.L.V. Robbins from Argentina, Mr. Vah Rossen from Holland and Mr. Salve and Mr. Kanmadikar from India.

SW Correspondent



ICC sub-committee meeting in progress at the Cricket Club of India in Bombay



Minimum overs per day...

A step in the right direction

CRICKET administrators all over the world are devising ways and means to brighten the game to fill up their grounds and empty coffers. One of the steps in this direction is a stipulation of bowling a minimum number of overs in an hour of play.

The authorities administering cricket have been insisting that a minimum of 16 overs per hour should be bowled during the course of a day's play. In certain cases a clause is inserted in the playing conditions that at least 96 overs be bowled in a day where play lasts for six hours.

The stipulation of bowling 16 overs an hour is a double edged weapon. Firstly it has an inbuilt advantage of more time for action on the play field. It is presumed that added time thus gained will be for the overall good of the game. Whether in reality it is advantageous or not is open to question.

There is more than what meets the eye. The genesis of 96 overs a day is a planned ploy to reduce the effectiveness of the fast bowlers as a short term measure and to subject them to sustained and prolonged physical and mental exhaustion in long run. The emergence of pace syndrome in international cricket has made the lives of pace shy batsmen difficult. It is an effective weapon to counteract the red cherry hurled fiercely and ferociously at the batsman.

The two members of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) (Australia and the West Indies) who de-

pend heavily on their pacers to deliver the goods have recently been on the receiving end at the hands of other Test playing nations. It has been pointed out that these two teams have been opposing the enforcement of minimum number of overs bowled in a day legislation.

There is a move a foot in the ICC to make 16 overs an hour a permanent feature of Test matches. The idea has the backing and blessings of the Test and County Cricket Board and chairman of England's selection committee Peter May.

May opines: "The West Indies bowled an alarmingly low over rate of 12.13 per hour last year when they toured England. It's time to have a legislation on the number of overs bowled in an hour otherwise cricket could become kill joy."

Clyde Walcott, former West Indies star batsman and a selector does not quite agree with May. He said: "Calls in England and elsewhere for cricket teams to bowl a specific number of overs in Test matches are nonsensical."

In a recent interview on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Walcott pointed out: "We have been winning Test matches which are of five day duration. And many Test matches we win in four days."

So if they are really talking about the over rate, what are they asking that we quicken up the over rate and finish them in three days?

It doesn't really make sense, added

Walcott, a former Test great.

I believe that by and large over the years he continued the West Indies cricket team has been a popular side and has played entertaining cricket even in the days when we were not identified as Calypso King.

West Indies refused to agree to a New Zealand proposal that Test teams be required to bowl at least 96 overs daily in the current New Zealand West Indies series. A similar request by England last year was politely turned down by the West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC).

Allan Rae, president WICBC said: "We are going through a period when we have no real good spin bowlers. But we have good fast bowlers and these fast bowlers have been winning us Test matches and our batting is still very attractive."

I believe that if England and New Zealand had four real quick bowlers and they were winning Test matches they would rather use them than squeal, Rae added.

Looking at the problem dispassionately one is inclined to agree that salvation and solution to brighten cricket lies in bowling 16 overs an hour.

— RAVI CHATURVEDI

CAP THAT! Surrey slap ban on hats

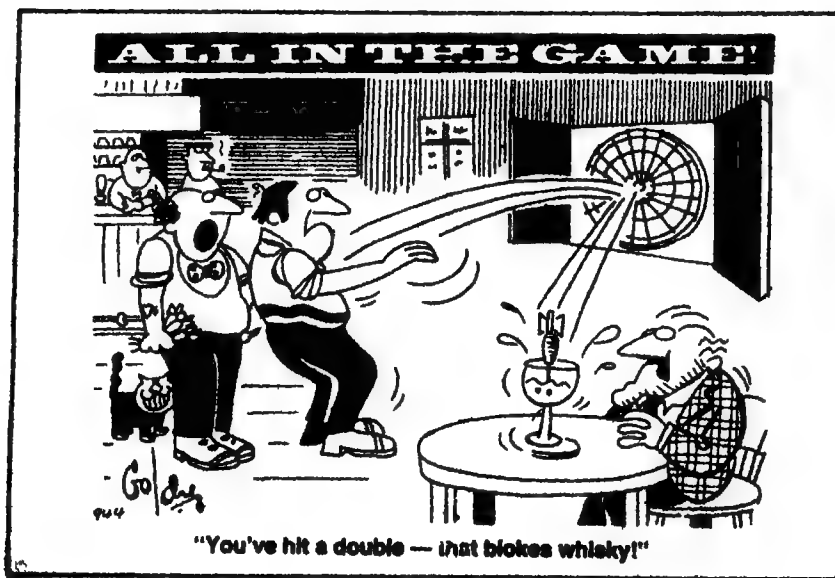
THOSE floppy white hats some cricketers wear are to be banned at The Oval.

This summer Surrey will tell all their players that caps and protective helmets only are acceptable.

Jim Laker, chairman of Surrey's cricket committee, explained: "Teams look terrible in scruffy white hats, so we are reinstating the county cap."

"The best turned out side I saw at The Oval last season were Yorkshire and they were all wearing smart blue caps."

The fact Yorkshire were also the worst side Jim saw begs the question whether it will make any difference to the way Surrey play.



Of cricket, crowds and jokes!

BOMBAY CRICKET fans are rather well known – or is it notorious – for their hilarious comments. If one has to enjoy their jokes and wisecracks it is advisable to ignore the barracking, which they indulge in sporadically.

Watching cricket for years, first at the Brabourne Stadium and now at the Wankhede Stadium since the last decade has polished their talent in this area to dizzying heights!

The Ranji trophy semifinal and final between hosts Bombay and Tamil Nadu and Delhi respectively, was played at the Wankhede Stadium in close succession. The paying cricket fan with a penchant to let lose a volley of repartees at the drop of the hat couldn't have asked for a better setting to exercise his art at the highest pitch of the voice.

With one-day cricket stars like Sunil Gavaskar, Madan Lal and the champion of champion, Ravi Shastri, back in action on the domestic circuit the spectators had more food for thought!

There was a stage during the penultimate day of the final, when Bombay appeared to end the losing side. The Bombay crowd wanted Shastri and Gavaskar to step up the rate of scoring. And since the stars didn't oblige the entire holiday crowd, about 40,000, freely indulged in booing and barracking.

So frustrated was one Bombay fan that he demonstrated his ire by asking a policeman lazing around, for his autograph. The cop was only too eager and promptly obliged!!

WEEKLY WHISPERS

Moss is the boss at wheels!

STIRLING MOSS, one of the greatest drivers never to have won the world championship, will be taking part in an endurance race next season.

This man should be admired for his desire and will for competition of the highest order, for he is once taking the drivers seat at the age of 55.

Moss, whose Grand Prix career ended in a crash at Goodwood in 1962 will team up with old rival Innes Ireland to drive a Porsche 944 in a six-round American series.

It will consist of six long distance events – three six hour, two 24-hour and one 18-hour race.

Good luck to the duo!

Footballer on shopping spree

THE LONG ARM of Law zeroed on footballer Christopher, Whyte for going on a shopping spree.

What, arrested for buying goods?

Yes, very much Sir!

Our man, Christopher, was hooked along with his girl friend on charges of using a stolen cheque book. He walked out of the court, after admitting going on a shopping spree with his girl friend Jennifer McKenzie.

The Arsenal defender collected £838 worth of jumpers, coats, bedding and lingerie with his gal from shops in Milton Keynes, Bucks.

Whyte, 24, of Westward Road, Chingford, Essex was given a conditional discharge at Aylesbury Crown Court for dishonestly receiving goods. Good for him!

His gal wasn't lucky since she was sentenced to nine months' jail term and suspended for two years, for cheque offences.

She's a golfing millionaire

JAN STEPHENSON, the smashing golf beauty from Australia has reason to be proud for her achievements on the green turf and the fairways!

Stephenson became the newest millionaire in women's golf when she held on to win the 250,000-dollar Glendale Classic by one stroke in California.

Her final round of three-over-par 75 gave her a two-over total of 290, edging Americans Amy Alcott, Pat Bradley and Barbara Moxness by one stroke.

It was her 13th career victory and her first title since the 1983 US Women's Open in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Certainly an enviable performance. Well, are the Nonita Lal's in the land of India inspired to scale greater heights?



The dashing allround-er and skipper of the Indian cricket team, Kapil Dev, is all smiles as he is snapped with the De-lux Maruti car presented to him by Mr. R.K. Joyachandra Singh, the minister of State for Sports.



By Bob Taylor

I NEVER bore the slightest animosity towards Alan Knott even though he caused me years of frustration and sometimes desperation

That was when I just could not topple him from his position as England's No 1 wicketkeeper

Quite simply he was the best around and whenever it looked as if I might get close to him he drew away like an Olympic runner coming round the last bend

A case in point was the first English season after my first Australian tour when I made a conscious effort to get more runs

I had seen the virtue of concentration at first hand from the likes of Boycott, Edrich and Luckhurst and I battled hard for Derbyshire to get over 600 runs with an average of almost 25 including three fifties

Knott topped that with 1 200 runs three hundreds (including one in the Tests) and more dismissals in one game less than me

It was small consolation to read in the Press that England were so lucky to have two such skilful Keepers and that I would have played for any other Test country

At least I was still in the selectors' minds and I just kept plugging away doing my best for Derbyshire. After all they were my employers and I owed it to them and to myself to maintain my high standards

My reward was to go on two more England tours as Alan's understudy – and I had to pull out of another one because of an ear infection

I still could not get rid of the feeling that I was the bridesmaid though my three tours as Knott's deputy did allow me to appreciate his worth

Over the years people have kindly remarked that I was superior to him as a gloveman but I don't really swallow that one

I will always put my boyhood idol Keith Andrew at the top of the tree but Knott was the best performer in Tests. He had a beautiful pair of hands, great anticipation and terrific

concentration

Quite apart from his batting he would have been an automatic choice as England keeper at any period in the game's history

Alan was particularly admirable on tour because he never really wanted to leave his home and family during the winter. Alan would get more homesick than any of us and frequently would retire to his hotel room to watch television or write letters

Perhaps he should have done more to lift morale on his later England tours – after all he was an experienced world class performer and perhaps he overdid the obsession with health foods and clean cutlery abroad



Alan Knott... was the reason Bob appeared late on the England Test scene

How my old mate Knotty cost me so many caps

Yet that stemmed from his dedication, his determination to be at his peak when stepping on to the pitch. He knew the best ways to tune up for the big days and no one can ever say I didn't give great value

It was often said that we were different in our wicketkeeping styles – but I didn't really think so

Alan was perhaps a little more flamboyant but he had to dive more than men because he wasn't so supple

This may surprise those who conjure up visions of Knott leaping around like a salmon but he had a spinal deficiency that would sometimes give him pain and restrict his movements. Hence all those stretching exercises between deliveries. He realised he had to keep limbering up to be ready to move at speed

That is why he had to dive more. I would have been able to get to the ball more easily because I have never suffered muscle problems

Our gift of anticipation was the same but I could usually get two hands to the ball while Alan would lack that split second athleticism so he had to rely on a one handed take

If he had been as supple as me he wouldn't have needed to leap around. That was always particularly evident in our work down the leg side where I think I picked up the line of the ball a fraction quicker

I envied him his long partnership with Derek Underwood – a great bowler to work with because of his accuracy and determination

Throughout our county days, Alan invariably had the edge on me in terms of practice against spinners – and I've always maintained that the true test of a 'keeper comes when he stands up to spin bowling

Given his mastery, it must have seemed odd that Alan chose to stand back to medium pacers like Tony Grieg and Bob Woolmer. For me, it was always a test of skill to stand to those types

I would only stand back to medium pace on the rare occasions when we

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Chris Cowdrey introduces TIM ROBINSON, with whom he made his Test debut a few momentous months ago

THE NOTTINGHAM ROCK

TIM Robinson is a perfectionist. He takes pride in doing those things that many cricketers, especially myself, find so hard – playing straight and looking smart.

After a long innings in extreme heat he will return looking quite fresh, with minimal trace of perspiration and not a hair out of place. He will dive full length at cover, yet his trousers never seem to get dirty.

'Robbo' is immaculate in almost every way. He doesn't smoke and will always object to Jon Agnew smoking on the 'plane'. He will always have a beer or two but never five or six. He likes to eat well but never too much. He loves expensive clothes and dresses exceptionally well.

At the Christmas party while on our tour in India the Social Committee (Marks, Fowler, and Cowdrey) organised a beauty contest. Although he was narrowly defeated by Mr Bayswater (Phil Edmonds), Mr Nottingham was a very popular competitor and in the end he was given the title of Mr Marks. It was disclosed that one of his ambitions should he win the title would be to model socks for Gunn and Moore. It was also announced that he wished to travel around India again with a portable television because he has complained about not having a television in his room at one of the up-country enues.

However, it was with the bat that 'Robbo' impressed most on the tour. I made my international debut with him in Bombay, where he claims to have felt overawed by the occasion, despite looking calm and composed while at the crease. In the first innings he was judged caught behind sweeping the leg-spinner when apparently nowhere near it, and lbw in the second to a ball he may have hit. Typically of Tim Robinson, there was no dissent shown, or did his bat fly across the dressing-room. To use his own words: 'I am prepared to accept the sweet and sour'.

He only had to wait a few days, until his next Test innings, for the 'sweet', for he scored a magnificent 160 in the second Test match in Delhi, which ultimately set us up for victory. When he came in after reaching his first Test hundred, there was no sign of jubilation at his finest achievement, because

he was not out and still had a job to do. There wasn't likely to be any 'celebration on the night' either, for it is all a day's work for Tim Robinson.

I spoke to him about the innings in Delhi and I found I got to know him much better. Quietly, and as laid back as always, he told me that he thought he had reached his century off the bowling of Yadav, but he wasn't sure. Also, 'I think I was batting with Paul Downton but it might have been Allan Lamb'.

Such are his powers of concentration that he couldn't quite recall the greatest moment of his cricketing career. I can compare him with Chris Tavaré in this respect, and it came as no surprise when he told me he is a great admirer of Geoff Boycott. 'I play

quite like him, I think'.

'Robbo' is fairly quiet but when he speaks he is always worth listening to. A degree in accountancy and a big interest in the commercial affairs of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club have kept him in England during the off-season for the last two years, rather than returning to Durban where he spent one winter. Ironically, Chris Broad, his opening partner at Notts who was omitted from the tour party, has taken over his old job at Trent Bridge this winter.

In some ways he admits to missing Nottingham, especially as a keen soccer follower, the City Ground, and to a lesser extent in recent years, Meadow Lane. He has great admiration for... **contd. on p 22**



Tim Robinson... a perfectionist who plays straight and looks smart



were into the final minutes of a limited overs match when we couldn't afford to concede any byes from a freakish bounce

Alan would usually adopt that attitude throughout a limited-overs match, taking the reasonable view that every run was vital and that some byes are avoidable. Who is to say one or the other was right?

Knotty and I got on very well from the start. He knew that I wanted to knock him off his perch. I knew that he would do his utmost to stay No. 1. But that never harmed our friendship.

We were good for each other. Alan knew that I wouldn't let England down if I got in and I was aware of just how good he was by studying him at close quarters under the pressures of a Test.

I always appreciated his words of commiseration whenever the Test-team was announced on tour and I subsequently tried to be equally helpful to my understudies when I was the regular 'keeper.

On our first tour together he played a splendid practical joke on me. I was 12th man with our side batting. There was no urgent need for me to watch every ball so I went for a snooze under

a shady tree

I was still dozing when the drinks interval came around—so Alan donned my blazer, sprinkled some talcum powder on his hair to give him the Taylor streak and imitated my walk on the way out to the middle.

It got a great laugh as I woke up with a startled cry of embarrassment...and it only underlined our friendship.

I read somewhere once that Alan believed I was head and shoulders above him as a wicketkeeper pure and simple—but I don't believe that. I think he was just being kind to me because he knew the frustrations I was experiencing as his perennial deputy.

However, I do believe that his batting was the main reason why he always got the nod over me. More than 4,000 runs at an average of 32 and five Test hundreds in addition to no fewer than 269 dismissals—a fantastic all-round performance that will stand the test of time.

No amount of consoling words to me can alter the fact that Alan delivered the goods consistently at the highest level. I could never match his audacious strokeplay, his ability to

change the course of a game at No. 6 and 7 in the batting order.

My strength as a batsman lay in sensible support of a strokemaker. In other words, several classes below Knott.

No, as I say, I never bore the slightest animosity towards him not even when he came back from his affair with Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket, which eventually allowed me to become No. 1 and displaced me in the England side in 1980 and 1981.

I didn't blame him for answering the call—at £1,500 a Test he would have been stupid to turn it down—but I do blame the selectors for a lack of principle.

Knotty had made it clear that he didn't wish to tour again so it looked as if he could pick and choose his moments to play for England.

I know that Alan didn't see it that way...but I feel the selectors should have stood by someone who would gladly have gone anywhere in the world to play for his country.

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Next Week: Bob Taylor on Geoff Boycott



tion for Brian Clough whom he has played cricket with in the odd benefit match. On one occasion, Mr Clough was bowling on a cold afternoon, and refused to start his over until his slip fielder, Robinson, took his hands out of his pockets (in jest—probably).

However, 'Robbo' is quite happy where he is. India treated him well in his bid to become a regular opening batsman for England, and on the personal side in the announcement of his engagement to Trish in Delhi.

A regular Test opener? Who would be a test selector next summer? You must bring back Gooch, you can't drop

Fowler, and Robinson really does look the part. Hang on...there is Moxon, Broad, Lloyd.

I think 'Robbo' plays very like Graham Gooch although he lacks the immense power and dominance. He stands fairly upright, plays very straight and certainly seems to know where his off stump is. I described his innings in Delhi as the 'connoisseur's delight', for it was stretched out over three days, the ball being caressed along the ground throughout with the minimum element of risk.

He is convinced that playing most of his cricket at Trent Bridge, where the wickets have tended to bounce exces-

sively in recent years, has in fact helped him a lot. It has improved his technique and made him a very good back-foot player. Fears that he might have been vulnerable to the lbw dismissal in India were soon quelled, as he has adapted to the conditions and the front foot quite easily. The other contributing factor to his rise in stature has been 'playing with such positive cricketers as Rice and Hadlee'.

Perhaps a bit of Gooch, maybe a bit of Boycott, and if that praise is high for Tim, once you've seen him bowl, at least you can be assured there is not a bit of Botham.

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India's clean sweep

By B.B. Mama

ON JUNE 25, 1983, India annexed the Prudential World Cup by topping the world champions West Indies in a memorable final at Lord's.

On April 13, 1984, India skittled Pakistan cheaply to win the Asia Cup in Sharjah.

On March 10, 1985, India crushed traditional rivals Pakistan to capture the Benson & Hedges World Championship Cup at Melbourne.

And, now, on March 29, 1985, India completed a grand slam of dazzling triumphs by brushing aside Australia's challenge and grabbing the Rothman's Cup — re-asserting India's leading position in instant cricket in the current setup.

Right from the first ball of the tournament on March 22 when the incomparable Imran Khan trapped the Champion of Champions Ravi Shastri plumb in front to the very last ball on March 29 when the indomitable Madan Lal swiped the hapless Allan Border to the mid-wicket fence to give India a hard-earned victory, the Sharjah pitch — with its uncertain bounce and vicious turn — provided some of the most fascinating cricket, tense and taut, ever seen in the limited-overs game.

India stamped their new-found supremacy in the one-day game by successfully defending a perilously vulnerable total of 125 in the opening match of the Sharjah tournament by blasting Pakistan for 87 all out — only two runs more than their lowest-ever total of 85 all out vs England at Old Trafford in 1978. (India's lowest in a one-day International is 63 all out vs Australia at Sydney in 1980-81).

Then followed an absolutely marvellous cliff-hanger of a classic one-day match when Australia prevailed over England in a grand-stand finish of nail-biting excitement and Hitchcock-like suspense by scoring the winning run off the very last ball of the 50th and final over.

Once again, India remained the only unbeaten team in the competition (see Table 1) to take their tally to seven consecutive wins in their last seven one-day Internationals, as compared to only 5 wins and as many as 13 defeats in the 21 Internationals India played after Prudential '83.

A total of 48 players from the four participating countries took part in

the Sharjah tourney — an unchanged 11 for India, 12 each for Australia and Pakistan, and 13 for England. They aggregated 1,153 runs for 70 wickets in 355.4 overs.

The average run-rate was 3.24 runs per over, and the over-all strike-rate 3.28 wickets per 100 balls bowled. The breakup for each country is given in Table 2.

The outstanding individual perfor-

Australia recorded the highest total of 178 in Sharjah

TABLE 1
Summary Of Results

	Played	Won (2 Pts)	Lost	Success %
India	2	2	0	100.00
Australia	2	1	1	50.00
Pakistan	2	1	1	50.00
England	2	0	2	0.00

TABLE 2
Summary Of Each Country's Playing Record

	BATTING			BOWLING			Strike-rate (Wkts per 100 balls)
	Runs Scored	Wkts Lost	Overs Faced	Run-rate (Runs per over)	Overs Bowled	Wkts Taken	
IND	265	17	82	3.23	75.2	20	4.42
AUS	317	18	92.3	3.42	89.2	15	2.80
PAK	262	17	82.5	3.16	91	20	3.66
ENG	309	18	98.2	3.14	100	15	2.50
	1153	70	355.4	3.24	355.4	70	3.28

mance of the tournament stands to the credit of Imran Khan who captured a wicket in each of his first six overs except the fourth against India in an explosive opening spell of 5 for 13 in 7 overs, ultimately to finish with 6 for 14 in 10 overs — the best figures for Pakistan in any one-day International, surpassing Wasim Akram's 5 for 21 vs Australia at Melbourne on February 24, 1985.

The miracle at Melbourne is not likely to be repeated

TABLE 3
MATCH-BY-MATCH PLAYING RECORD

	Runs Scored	Wkts Lost	Overs Faced	Run-rate (Runs per over)	Overs Bowled	Wkts Taken	Strike-rate (Wkts per 100 balls)
INDIA							
v Pak	125	10	42.4	2.93	32.5	10	5.07
v Aus	140	7	39.2	3.56	42.3	10	3.92
AUSTRALIA							
v Eng	178	8	50	3.56	50	8	2.66
v Ind	139	10	42.3	3.27	39.2	7	2.96
PAKISTAN							
v Ind	87	10	32.5	2.65	42.4	10	3.90
v Eng	75	7	50	3.50	48.2	10	3.44
ENGLAND							
v Aus	177	8	50	3.54	50	8	2.66
v Pak	132	10	48.2	2.73	50	7	2.33



TOP: Kapil and Gavaskar confer during the India-Pak league match in Melbourne. **ABOVE:** Azharuddin and Mohinder acknowledging the cheers after the victory over Pakistan in Melbourne

Analysing the combined figures for both the Benson & Hedges World Championship of Cricket in Australia and the Rothmans Cup tournament in Sharjah, we find that India and Pakistan have an impressive over-all playing record, both in bowling and in batting. (See Table 7).

The fact that India bagged six Man of the Match awards and Pakistan four out of a total of 16 in the completed matches speaks for itself.

It is, therefore, in the fitness of things that these two Asian cricketing super-powers will be jointly staging

TABLE 4					
Top Performers & Match Result					
	Highest score	Best Bowling	Man of the Match	Result	
INDIA					
v Pak	47 Azharuddin	3 17 Kapil Dev		Won 38 runs	
v Aus	35 Vengsarkar	2 14 Shastri	Amarnath	Won 3 wickets	
AUSTRALIA					
v Eng	35 Wood	3 21 Border	Matthews	Won 2 wickets	
v Ind	30 Wessels	3 36 McDermott		Lost	
PAKISTAN					
v Ind	29 Rameez Raja	6 14 Imran Khan	Imran Khan	Lost	
v Eng	71 Javed Miandad	3 23 Shoaib Mohd	Javed Miandad	Won 43 runs	
ENGLAND					
v Aus	37 Robinson	2 28 Ellison		Lost	
v Pak	41* Bailey	4 23 Gifford		Lost	

TABLE 5					
Leading Batting Averages (Qualification Min 40 runs)					
		Inns	Runs	HS	Avg
Javed Miandad	Pak	2	71	71	35.50
Mohd Azharuddin	Ind	2	69	17	34.50
Graeme Wood	Aus	2	62	35	31.00
Mudassar Nazar	Pak	2	54	36	27.00
Tim Robinson	Eng	2	46	37	23.00
Kepler Wessels	Aus	2	46	30	23.00
Rameez Raja	Pak	2	35	29	22.50
Graeme Fowler	Eng	2	45	26	22.50

NB The Northamptonshire batsman Robert John Bailey, scored an unbeaten 41 vs Pakistan in his solitary appearance for England

TABLE 6							
Leading Bowling Averages (Qualification Min 3 wickets)							
		Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg	SR
Imran Khan	Pak	19	4	40	7	5.71	6.14
Kapil Dev	Ind	12.5	4	26	4	6.50	3.17
Shoaib Mohd	Pak	10	1	23	3	7.66	3.23
Ravi Shastri	Ind	19.3	6	31	4	7.75	2.14
Allan Border	Aus	8.2	0	27	3	9.00	3.21
Craig McDermott	Aus	10	0	36	3	12.00	3.36
Madan Lal	Ind	13	2	42	3	14.00	2.80
Norman Gifford	Eng	20	1	60	4	15.00	4.23
Greg Matthews	Aus	20	4	50	3	16.66	2.45
Tauseef Ahmed	Pak	20	1	52	3	17.33	2.27
Wasim Akram	Pak	17.4	0	55	3	18.33	2.28
Derek Pringle	Eng	17	1	80	4	20.00	2.32
Phil Edmunds	Eng	20	2	78	3	26.00	2.41

TABLE 7							
Combined Figures For B&H Australia And Rothman's Sharjah							
	BATTING			BOWLING			
	Runs Scored	Wkts Lost	Overs Faced	Run-rate (Runs per over)	Overs Bowled	Wkts Taken	Strike-rate (Wkts per 100 balls)
IND	1233	37	305.4	4.03	315.5	69	3.64
PAK	1256	53	328.1	3.82	296.2	56	3.14
WI	434	16	105	4.13	161.4	21	2.16
AUS	895	41	229.5	3.89	224.3	31	2.30
NZ	624	31	168.2	3.70	123.3	17	2.29
ENG	818	46	213.2	3.83	245.2	35	2.37
SL	307	17	89.4	3.42	72.5	12	2.74
	5567	241	1440	3.86	1440	241	2.78

the 1987 World Cup.

The only worrying thought: Will the slow, lack-lustre, placid, dead pitches in India and Pakistan provide the sort

of exciting, absorbing, purposeful cricket we enjoyed on the sporting, well-grassed pitches with pronounced lift and turn in Australia and Sharjah?



Why Penny Cowdrey can't accept her divorce

Till death do us part



Happy days in 1964... Penny and Colin Cowdrey

PENNY COWDREY is one of those rare and obstinate women who went on praising her husband all the way to the divorce court last week.

She never accepted that ex Kent and England cricket captain Colin her husband of 22 years was acting in character when he left her for heiress Baroness Hennes daughter of the late Duke of Norfolk.

Heaping devotion on his head she refused him divorce always hoping he would return.

Then on the eve of his petition for divorce on the grounds of five years separation (in fact, they have been apart for seven) she was still irrationally but unswervingly, waiting for him to come home.

"I still adore him," she said.

"I love him and have always loved him. I can't turn love into hate overnight because he has left me."

She is beyond anger and beyond bitchiness.

And however neat, legal, and final no decree nisi is going to alter this remarkable woman's belief in the Heaven-made quality of their marriage.

"There is a great myth that divorce these days is a mutual decision. In the vast majority of cases, it is entirely unilateral. One of the partners is forced, one way or the other, to accommodate it. We are in danger of treating divorce as a cosy thing."

Some people can never get over the pain. They have to come to terms with it as they do a bereavement.

Radio personality Tony Blackburn wore his bruised heart on his sleeve and on the air, to the ultimate embarrassment of his fans, for several years

after his actress wife Tessa Wyatt left him.

I still haven't recovered from it, he confessed last year. After eight years I should have got over it but I haven't.

Just in time he realised that he was doing his career no good by playing records and telling people about Tessa all the time.

But people who have loved and lost are seldom as charitable as Penny Cowdrey or Tony Blackburn. Their sentiments are very charming and gratifying but they are also quite rare," says Dr Glenn Wilson of the Institute of Psychiatry. More often than not you hear a whole lot of abuse.

"People refuse to accept that the other partner has gone. Reality therapy is the only treatment. The legal fact of divorce does not mean a lot to such people."

But faced with the irrevocable

march of divorce proceedings, they have no choice. "I cannot stop it," says Penny.

Her first practical reaction to her husband's departure was to call the Samaritans. A few months later she was found unconscious from a drug overdose.

Even though she later sold their £200,000 home in Limpsfield, Surrey, she never closed her new door to the possibility of reconciliation. "It would be nice if Colin joined me there," she said. "I must live in hope otherwise there is nothing to live for."

Penny is also sustained by a firm belief in the marriage vows. "We didn't take them lightly to be discarded," she said. "As far as I am concerned, we are married and will remain so."

For Penny, a little legal difficulty last week will change nothing.

Big Bob changes sides

BOB WILLIS, the scourge of the media, has lined himself up with a new job for the summer in the media.

The former England captain will join the BBC television commentary team during the six Test Ashes series against Australia.

And it will be fascinating to see how long it takes big Bob to upset his old teammates as much as the pundits used to upset him.

Willis's change of roles was inevitable. All Britain's fiercest critics seem to finish up feeding from the hand they have been biting for years.

No one was more paranoid about the media than Steve Ovett until he

was invited to air his views as a commentator.

Few footballers were less approachable than Denis Law and Martin Chivers but now they prattle away on the wireless as though they have always been the media men's best friends.

And then there is the classic case of Ian Botham, who says he hates the Press so much he never looks at a newspaper yet earns as much as a Fleet Street journalist for giving his name to a ghosted column in one of them.

I don't read it myself.

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By Frank Wright

The day a new motorcycle star was born

THE Isle of Man was buzzing with expectant excitement. The crystal clear air of that beautiful June morning in 1950 seemed to tingle with the cheerful chatter of the thousands of visitors as they hurried to all the vantage points around the twisting 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of roads on which the Senior Tourist Trophy race was to be run.

Huge crowds flocked to the stands and enclosures at Douglas where the greatest of all motorcycle T.T.'s would start and finish. Conditions for the race were perfect. Everything pointed to another great speed battle. Thrills, perhaps spills, records, sensations...

At last the siren signalled to the patiently waiting crowds that the riders were being called up to the start. All eyes were focused on the starting grid where a long procession of gleaming machines were being pushed into line by mechanics in oil-stained overalls.

Heading the 75 contestants was Harold Daniell, one of the "veterans" of the motorcycling world, three times winner of the Isle of Man Senior T.T. There, too, was Artie Bell, winner in 1948, and runner-up to Daniell the previous year.

Other favourites in that line-up of world motorcycling aces were Johnny Lockett, Bob Foster, Les Graham, Reg Armstrong—all possible winners of the gruelling 264 mile speed duel over the Manx Mountain circuit.

Preliminaries at an end, Harold Daniell was given the flag and the 1950 Senior T.T. was on. Even before the No. 1 Norton had reached top speed, the second man was flagged off and then, every ten seconds, others followed.

Waiting patiently for his own chance to get going was "No. 57," a young Lancashire rider from St. Helens—"G.E. Duke." The name meant little to most spectators. His only claim to fame prior to 1950 was that he had won the 1949 Senior Clubman's T.T., and the Senior Manx T.T., both amateur events.

His performance had impressed the Norton works organisers and at the end of his first year in top ama-



He was riding with the confidence of a veteran...

teur motorcycle racing he had been invited to join the works team. Now here he was awaiting the start of his first Senior race as a professional, a colleague of those three great Norton aces, Daniell, Lockett and Bell.

It was a case of a youthful "novice" against the enormous experience of men who had become hardened in the nerve-racking battles of many years of motorcycle racing.

From the moment he pushed his Norton into action, crouched low over its gleaming black tank and roared away in the wake of his famous rivals, Geoff Duke provided the spectators with sensations.

But it was some minutes following the disappearance of the last of the starters before the packed crowds along the finishing straight had their first big thrill. It was the reappearance for the first time of Harold Daniell. The 1949 winner was riding with all the calm confidence of years in the saddle.

His Norton team-mates, Artie Bell and Johnny Lockett, followed closely and screamed out of sight down Bray Hill. Now all eyes turned to the big scoreboards. A delighted roar rose

from the crowd as they saw Daniell's figures appear in the No. 1 frame.

He had completed his first lap in 25 minutes 16 seconds—a speed of 89.63 miles an hour, just a fraction better than his winning average speed a year earlier.

"He'll smash all the records today," said one of his pit staff. "If that's his speed from a standing start, what will he touch when he really gets going?"

Minutes later, however, that prediction seemed a trifle hasty...

Seconds after No. 57—Geoff Duke—roared past the stands, the figures that were flashed up on the scoreboard drew a great gasp of surprise from the fans.

Geoff Duke had taken only 24 minutes 47 seconds for his first lap—a speed of 91.38 miles an hour. It was incredible. Yet it was not a new lap record, for the first circuit was more than a hundred yards short of the full circuit.

It wasn't long before the lap record went, however, the record of 91 miles an hour, set up by Harold Daniell in 1938.

Tension mounted as the riders screamed past in a rapid procession at the completion of the second lap. It was Artie Bell, one of the Norton stars, who was first to better the previous record. His speed was 90.27.

Hardly had the cheering died away than Duke roared into view again. Up went his second lap time—and a speed of 93.01 miles an hour. Duke, riding in his first Senior T.T. as a professional works rider, had shattered the previous lap record.

The name of Geoff Duke was now ringing round the 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile circuit.

The quiet Lancashire lad in the white helmet was not only in the lead but improving his position with every rev of his beautifully tuned engine. The young man from St. Helens included in the Norton team mainly to gain experience, was proving himself a sensation. Harold Daniell was dropping back fast and only Artie Bell seemed likely to offer any real challenge.

Overleaf



By Ken Rosewall

Is Mats breaking through?

IT IS RELATIVELY easy for a dedicated player to advance from, say, 300 on the world computer up to 100 — and not immensely difficult to continue upwards into the fifties.

Getting above that is really hard work to progress, and once you are in the top ten or fifteen, it often seems impossible. This is partly due to the small but definite classes right at the top.

Take the annual Wightman Cup contest between USA and Great Britain. Chris Evert Lloyd stood out on her own in the American team. No player in her team would stand much chance against Mrs. Lloyd. Yet she, in turn, is no longer any serious threat to Martina Navratilova.

I know that Mrs. Lloyd is an extremely proud player, who has worked with such effort and dedication over the past year that any trade union leader would be likely to burst a blood vessel if any of his flock put in even half her work quantity and rate.

It has been written by statisticians, that winning just one point out of every run of 100 mistakes on the way, will bring about a four per cent increase in match wins. That one extra point won instead of lost — just one per cent of change — can bring about four times that percentage of match wins.

Players know about this, and they strive mightily to improve that seemingly small amount. Study the world computer rankings for a year or so, and you will learn that only a

handful of those on it go on and on up the rankings, until they reach top or better positions.

So in mens tennis, we seem to have a clear-cut "pecking order". John McEnroe is undoubtedly top of the tree, followed by Ivan Lendl and then Jimmy Connors. There have been temporary shuffling among the three of them, but few people would argue against that McEnroe, Lendl, Connors order of standings.



Mats Wilander... will he break the "top class only" barrier?

However, a short snatch of Mats Wilander beating Jimmy Connors early in November, suggested that Wilander has managed to ascend that extra one per cent. That he beat Connors might not have been particularly significant. The way he did it certainly was.

Remember, just over two years

ago, he became the youngest-ever winner of one of the Grand Slam singles championships — in this case the French Open — and one year later he scored another sensational triumph by outplaying Lendl in the Australian Open final. Yet despite those two wins, Wilander never seemed to have established himself on the same strata as McEnroe-Lendl-Connors.

Having watched that small news clip, I now wonder if he has scaled that final barrier. Certainly, his purposefulness and businesslike confidence was impressive; but to me, one shot captured my mind. There was a long and fierce rally in which both men hit very hard, Connors eventually following a strong approach shot to the net.

The tempo of that rally would normally have ensured a flashing attempt by Wilander to hit a clean passing shot. As he ran quickly and wound up his swing, it looked as if he was going for a passing shot. Instead, running at top speed and looking like a man about to explode a shot, he hit with great power... but high over the net, and with the heavy spin that brought the ball down just within the baseline.

That job, coming out of a determined, hard-hitting rally, really caught my mind, for it contained the skill and thought normally reserved for a McEnroe. I shall watch him carefully in 1985, to see if he has broken the "top class only" barrier.

SENSATIONS OF SPORT...

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All round the circuit with its hundreds of corners and bends, each providing hazards that could cause disaster, Geoff Duke was winning the ever-growing admiration of the thousands of spectators. His style was immaculate, his cornering superb.

The fifth lap ended. It was another new lap record. Duke had covered the circuit in 24 minutes 16 seconds — a speed of 93.33 miles an hour. Harold Daniell's first ever 91 mile-an-hour lap record had lasted 12 years. Now it had been beaten twice in less than two hours by Geoff Duke!

The great crowds eagerly watching the scoreboards failed to see Duke's pit manager standing on the nearby wall shaking his fist at the young Norton team member. He had ordered him to slow down after the previous lap, but Duke had taken little notice. It was not

big-headedness — just sheer confidence in himself and his machine.

From then until the finish it was a ride of triumph for "The Duke" — except for one dread moment. With only about four miles to go, his Norton misfired, spluttered, and then picked up again.

Two minutes later to the accompaniment of a deafening roar of cheering, Geoff Duke overtook his teammate Artie Bell and flashed past the chequered flag. It was an amazing finish to a sensational race for it was discovered that his misfire had been caused by the fact that his tank was ALMOST DRY!

The lad who had lived for motorcycles since his school-days, had outriden the greatest riders in the sport, and had won his first Isle of Man Senior

T.T. with a new record average speed of 92.27 miles an hour. Nortons finished first, second and third — Duke, Bell and Lockett, with the former champion, Harold Daniell, in fifth place.

A new motorcycling star was born on that sunny June day in 1950 — Geoff Duke, the Lancashire lad, who paid 10s. for his first motorcycle.

When he was interviewed after his sensational first Senior T.T. triumph he was asked if he would like to sit down.


With that beaming smile that was to make him so popular he replied: "No thanks, I'm not tired. I've been lying down all the morning."

What an understatement!



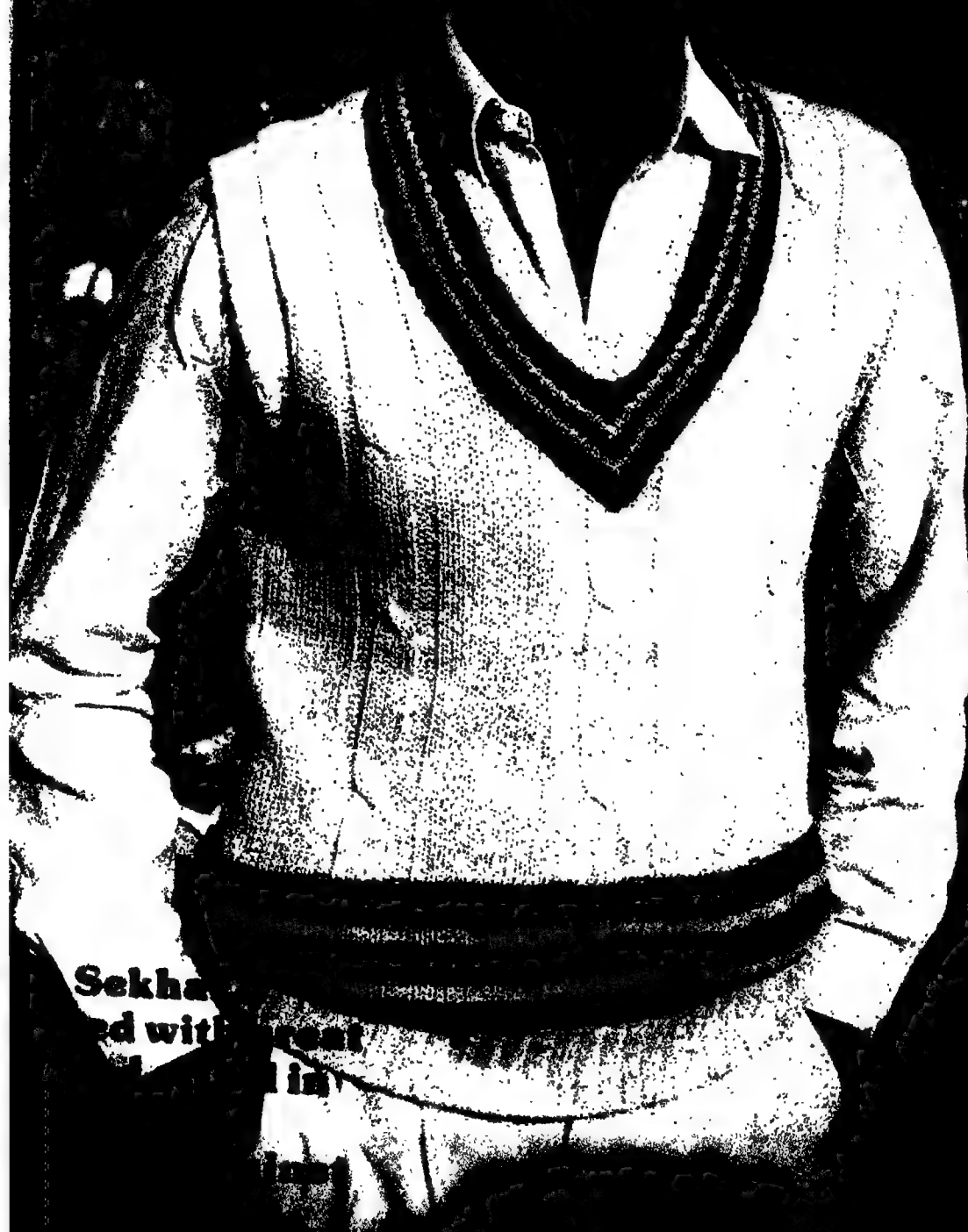
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O'Donnell... his
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**DANIEL PASSARELLA**

Argentina's star head-in-air!

By Debabrata Chowdhury

ARGENTINA despite producing some really outstanding players over the years did not have a World Cup record to be proud of – until of course they actually won it in 1978.

Runners up to Uruguay in the inaugural tournament at Montevideo in 1930, the Argentines failed to qualify in 1954 and 1970. Pulling out on their own in 1938 and 1950 they were eliminated in the first round in 1934, 1958 and 1962 and it was only in 1966

and 1974 that they reached the quarter finals.

So when the military junta gave the green signal to Asociacion del Futbol Argentino (the Argentine Football Federation) to host the World Cup in 1978 they made it clear that no effort should be spared to win the tournament. It would mean a victory for the players for Argentina and above all for the military regime itself.

Coach Cesar Menotti now had a dif-

ficult task in his hand. Even though he had some fine players like Mario Kempes, Daniel Berton, and Leopoldo Luque up front, a wing half of the calibre of Osvaldo Ardiles and an attacking wing back in Alberto Tarantini, he further needed a man who could galvanize the whole team. He looked around and found his Man Friday in Daniel Passarella whom he promptly made the skipper.

In the end, Argentina won the Cup.



Argentina's skipper Daniel Passarella thwarts an Italian striker in the '82 Spain World Cup



defeating Holland in the final but it looked doubtful if they could really finish on top had there been no Passarella in their defence which was always suspect.

True the Argentines received helping hands from the flaccid referees, true Kempes scored a few great goals but above all it was Passarella, Menotti's right hand man, whose contribution towered above everything else.

A strong who could be ruthless at times, he not only did his best to guard his own goal but at every conceivable opportunity, particularly during corners and free-kicks, he would move up to have a crack at the opponents' citadel as well.

No wonder, he scored more goals than others while he was under Menotti and, do not forget, he played as a central defender.

He however, is so talented that Menotti could have used him as a wing-half or for that matter, a striker, a position in which he used to play at the beginning of his career.

Born in 1953 in Chacabuco, he first joined the local club Argentinos - not to be confused with the more famous Argentinos Juniors - from where he moved to Sarmiento.

Still a striker, playing on the left side position, he subsequently joined River Plate of Buenos Aires. Along with FC Oeste, Estudiantes de la Plata, Rosario Central, Independiente and Boca Juniors, River Plate usually dominate the Argentine football and the reason is not hard to find.

In 1981, for example, they had as many as eight World cuppers in their rank - Fillol, Tarantini, Alonso, Ortiz, Houseman, Luque, Kempes and Passarella - and had little trouble to clinch the national title.

Passarella, in his debut game for River Plate, against Boca Juniors, played as a left-back but subsequently he switched over to the central defender position, a place he has stuck to since then.

His greatest strength is in the air and

on his day, there is simply nobody in the world who can beat him in a heading duel. His other strength is his speed which he exhibits in abundance when falling back to thwart an opponent's counter-attack.

He is also a fine reader of the game and can literally sniff a good situation which he immediately turns to his team's advantage.

But above everything else, it is his indomitable courage that has made him what he is today - one of the best central defenders in the world.

When Holland all but turned the tables in the 1987 World Cup final, after getting the equaliser through a brilliant header from substitute Dirk Nanninga, it was Passarella alone who remained calm and confident.

Of course it was he who viciously elbowed that brilliant Dutch winghalf Johan Neeskens and put him out of

His greatest strength is in the air...

further action in the extra time. But which modern defender, it should be said for argument's sake, would allow a versatile opponent like Neeskens to have a clear passage?

His courage and his belief in his own ability was evident again in Spain where he was fighting an already lost battle. With Luque unavailable; Kempes, Tarantini, Ardiles and Bertoni all hopelessly out of their best form and Diego Maradona under constant surveillance, it was Passarella who bore the brunt of the pressure exerted by the opponents.

But despite all this, he managed to get two goals which sadly was not enough for his side but which gave further proof of his ability under adverse conditions.

But even such a touch and brave man as Passarella found his life hard when he joined Fiorentina of Italy after

the World Cup in 1982 was over.

Passarella though earning in the region of \$ 8,000 per month from River Plate knew that in terms of paying ability none, at least the Argentina teams, could compete with the Italian and Spanish clubs. But intelligent as he is he opted for the less violent Calcio and took his national team mate Daniel Bertoni along with him.

Fiorentina, one of whose patrons is famous film director Franco Zeffirelli, is not a great club but when they added Passarella and Bertoni (who has gone over to Napoli this season) to a squad which already contained Italian midfielder Giancarlo Antognoni and forward Francesco Graziani, they began to expect great things.

Instead the Florence club were eliminated in the first round of the Italian cup, knocked out by relatively unknown Craiova of Romania in the UEFA Cup and literally struggled to keep their nose out of water in the league.

Passarella naturally came in for high criticism which he did not except to some of the words used against him that he thumped one of his critics. That only added fuel to the fire and an exasperated Passarella said: "The Italian Press is even worse than the Argentine Press."

Passarella however was aware that the only way to silence the critics was to play well and this he began to do from mid-season and although he could not bring any glory to the club, nobody was blaming him anymore.

To qualify for the next World Cup Argentina will have to play Colombia, Peru and Venezuela in South American Group I and even if they make it to Mexico in the end, Passarella who will be 34 then, may not accompany the team.

But that will not make him a forgotten man in his country and whenever the Argentines will reminisce about their team's victory of 1978, they will certainly and inevitably reminisce about the great deeds of their national skipper as well.

FANatic

by Marcus.



SPORTS MORTEM

By David D'Souza

Requiem for Indian soccer

BRING out the sack cloth. Sing out the dirge. Let's say a requiem for Indian Football.

Drawn in the easiest group, the much torn, tattered new look India limped, faltered and died out of the qualifying race of the Pre Olympic soccer match against least fancied Indonesia in Calcutta.

No amount of cheers and leg ups from the home crowd galvanised the home country to win for them a strategic victory, a win against this team which would have brought India into the second round of this important tournament.

Two months ago in Cochin, when India lost their super lead against Algeria and fell flat on their face against Morocco in the Fourth Nehru Gold Cup International, a coach was so disgusted at the Indian performance that he proposed, albeit to himself, that India would do well at organising these shindigs rather than participating in them.

Time and again, the Indian hopes have always lingered eternal in the Indian breast, and that's the reason of them trying out their ill-fated luck against any corners in international tournaments with the hope that they might strike gold.

And time and again, we have come back, older but no wiser, in the ways of modern soccer, beaten back to the dusty plains to match our wits in the Colonial game, which of recent weeks, we have proved that we are the Champions, cricket.

The team composition earlier had given enough grist for the mill of Press to yell foul, but to this columnist had found very little to rant and rave and had endorsed the team selection as the nicest we could muster.

But then you realise how presumptions can go awry. This was a deciding match for India who needed a win only. The 1-2 defeat against the same team away from home played heavily on the psychology of the individual players and they squandered away glorious chances.

Before the equaliser was netted in the final end of the match, prodigality was the name of the game and India did everything but punt the inflated spheroid between the two posts.

FROM the National level, we come down to the club level and the ninth Federation Cup football tournament to be held in Bangalore from April 17 will see 16 top clubs from the country participating.

This year's tournament has taken new dimensions as the top club, the winner, will make it to the Asian Club Championship to be held in Dubai later in May.

Mohd Sporting will be mustering all their resources and talent to make this tournament an event to remember for them as they are in a line for a hat-trick - a run of victories which began in 1983.

The Federation Cup incidentally has

seen an all Calcutta affair since 1977 and the only time that outsiders took hold of the trophy was in 1979 in Guwahati when BSI beat Bombay's Mafatlal 3-0 in the replayed final.

Mafatlal, the team that is now unfortunately disbanded due to the scrapping of their sports budget, had another look in into the final round in 1982 also but they lost to Mohun Bagan by a solitary goal margin.

That was the year when Mohun Bagan completed the three in a row victories and that was the last time till date that they were to hold on to the glittering prize.

Mohd Sporting took over from them the next year when they beat the holders 2-0 at Cannanore. The heroes of the day were the two Iranians, Jamshed Nassiri and Majid Bakhsai.

The tall, moustachioed striker, Jamshed, made Mohd Sporting's day the next year again when he booted home the match winner against the spirited East Bengal, the goal turning out to be the only goal scored in the match which was against the run of play for Mohd Sporting.

Now Mohd Sporting will do everything in the power to get the name of the club inscribed on the Cup for the third time in succession.

But the final list of the transfers has not trickled to this column, at the time of writing and much will depend on the composition of the team.



Mohd. Sporting (right) the winners and East Bengal the runners-up pose for a group pic after last year's Fed Cup final.



With the Mexico World Soccer Cup finals little more than a year away, the argument about heat and altitude is raging again. One star at least believes success on the field can make climate problems disappear.

Platini shrugs off climate worries

By Keir Radnedge

MICHEL PLATINI, arguably the world's top footballer, believes the problems of playing in Mexico may have been exaggerated. That will come as a great relief to many players and managers around the world.

In little more than a year, the stars of 23 nations will descend on Mexico for the World Soccer Cup finals, and already there is controversy over the conditions players will have to face.

Platini, captain of the French national team and inspiration of Italy's Juventus, is not pretending it will be easy.

He said, "There will be problems, of course. People talk about the altitude and the heat and the smog and so on - as well as the problems of playing in the midday heat (to suit European television).

"But to my mind the only 'natural' problem will be the altitude. As for the rest - well, it's amazing how a little bit of success can carry you through."

Platini made his comments in an interview to be published soon in a new British magazine, *Soccer International*. Clearly he believes the difficulties of playing in Mexico have been overstated.

Backing Platini is Herman Neuberger, president of the West German federation, senior vice-president of FIFA and president of its World Cup organising committee.

He says medical reports to FIFA (Federation of International Football Associations) indicate that properly-trained professionals should have no problems withstanding the heat.

Neuberger harks back to the successful World Cup finals staged in Mexico in 1970. "Those finals were played with noon kick-off times. Similar times have been unanimously agreed by the organising committee and we have had no official objections."

Of course not. Federations round the world can make a lot of money through the World Cup share-out.



Michel Platini... problems of playing in Mexico have been exaggerated

Also, it's not the committee men who have to run out and kick a ball about

But there is a significant chorus of dissent, one voice being that of Northern Ireland manager coach Billy Bingham a former professional player

He was one of FIFA's official observers at the World Youth Cup in Mexico two years ago and said, "The sun was so hot at midday that I could not stay in it longer than five minutes

'What it was like to play, I can't imagine I believe that at those times of day when it is hottest, European teams will have no chance because of both the heat and the humidity'

Bingham tried in vain to prompt a British protest He said "The whole thing is geared to commercialisation and television and I don't agree with that

'I can tell you from my experience that every team playing a European style will struggle because of the oxygen debt caused by altitude and humidity

'There is a solution to take teams out there three weeks early But then there is the danger of boredom I doubt whether players could stand it'

Sports doctors first began finding out about the effects of heat and



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lost the pace of one game let alone the entire tournament he has said

Wolfisberg believes heat will be more a threat than the altitude He said "Before we went to Mexico we played one game against Colombia at Bogota, which is 7,500 ft (2,300 m) above sea level Yet it was not the altitude which caused my players any problems"

But Wolfisberg did echo Platini's opinion that the successful, confident team will cope better physically be

cause it is by a long way the best when the four semi-finalists were Brazil, Uruguay and Italy, plus the "outsider" West Germany

Whatever Neuberger's claims the official FIFA technical study from 1970 does point to problems of adjustment

It said "West Germany and Italy shared the feeling of several managers, that the heat and consequent loss of body moisture turned out to be a greater problem than altitude

Men such as Platini, Alain Giresse, and Tigana (France), Antognoni, Rossi and Conti (Italy) and Spain's Juan Senor and Butragueno are likely to do well in the finals

altitude of the human body at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City Then came the 1970 World Cup

The knowledge gained has been published and shared around the world, and the 24 finalists in 1986 should be thoroughly prepared

Several European nations have already been doing their homework East Germany recently played a series of friendly matches at high altitudes in Ecuador and Bolivia

In June of this year England, Italy and West Germany will be out in Mexico And Poland Bulgaria and Switzerland have recently been there

The latter three nations took part in a mini tournament to open the one new stadium which has been built for the World Cup, the 40,000 capacity La Corregidora in Queretaro

Swiss team coach Paul Wolfisberg believes that teams who can pass the ball accurately and maintain possession will have an advantage in Mexico

"Conserving energy is important Those teams who cannot keep the ball for long and who have to go out and fight to get it back will not be able to

cause its mental attitude is good

Wolfisberg said 'Imagination will be needed The teams with most imagination will conquer first the conditions and then their rivals'

Imagination tends to be the preserve of the South Americans, in particular Brazil - three times world champions and the winners in Mexico in 1970 - as well as Argentina, Uruguay and Peru

But the southern European nations such as France, Italy and Spain are also noted for technical ability

Men such as Platini, Alain Giresse and Jean Tigana of France, Giancarlo Antognoni, Paolo Rossi and Bruno Conti of Italy and Spain's Juan Senor and Emilio Butragueno are likely to do well in the finals

Mexico's own manager, the Yugoslav Bora Milutinovic, fears France most among the Europeans He believes the current European champions have the vision and intelligence to pace their game correctly, especially guided by an intelligent midfielder such as Platini

The geographical theory appears to

It praised the Uruguayans for their approach to Mexico Their squad had left their sea level capital Montevideo six weeks before the start of the World Cup finals and played four matches at altitude in Bogota and Quito before arriving in Mexico two and a half weeks before the tournament

Not all nations can undertake such preparation, however The European season does not end until shortly before the World Cup begins

And let those European nations remember the words of England's Bobby Charlton years later When I looked in a mirror it was clear what this World Cup had begun to take out of me

'The skin was drawn tight across my cheekbones and I looked emaciated We'd all lost an incredible amount of weight during the games Later in the year I was shown a photograph taken a month after returning from Mexico I looked disturbingly thin

Platini could be in for a nasty surprise

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Shocking declaration

SW Correspondent

TO SAY THE least Alex Vaz's declaration, as reported in the press, is shocking. His assertion that the referees were not bound to submit the report to the committee when the infringements warranted nothing higher than yellow or a red card is untenable and goes totally against the Laws of the Game and the International Board's decisions as well as the regulations of the Federation Internationale de Football Association.

The president of the Bombay Football Referees Association obviously was rebutting the charge of the Bombay District Football Association secretary that referees are being unhelpful by not submitting reports and which by inference led to the protest by State Bank of India against Tata Electric fielding Clarence Roberts for the semi final of the J C Maltra Cup last week despite having two yellow cards against him in the competition.

But the former president of the Bombay Referees Association surely could not have forgotten the intent of Law V, even if he has the exact text of the law concerning referees.



Does Alex Vaz not know the rules?

Law V (e) states: From the time he enters the field of play, caution any player guilty of misconduct or ungentlemanly behaviour and, if he persists, suspend him for further participation in the game. In such cases the referee shall send the name of the offender to the competent authority, within the stipulated time, and in accordance with the provisions set by the National Association under whose jurisdiction the match was played.

Decision (4) of the International Board on Law V states: The referee shall report to the appropriate authority misconduct or any misdemeanour on the part of spectators, officials, players, named substitutes or other persons which take place either on the field of play or in its vicinity at any time prior to, during, or after the match in question so that appropriate action can be taken by the Authority concerned.

Paragraph 4 of Article 11 (1) of the Regulations of the F.I.F.A. states: For each international match and for each match in a tournament the referee must furnish a report to the F.I.F.A. and to the National Association in whose territory the match or tournament was played, not later than 48 hours after the completion of the match stating the reasons for any disciplinary action taken, including cautions and dismissals.

Article 20 (4) of the same regulations states: The official form of the Federation for the Referee's Report must be handed to the referee by his association when he is appointed. The referee must personally send this report duly completed within 48 hours after the match to the Secretariat of the F.I.F.A.

It is difficult to believe that even a Class III probationary referee would not be aware of the significance of Law V and the decisions of the International Board on that.

For that is the law which invests in him the power to ensure that the game is played fairly and its good image is kept up.

And a referee who rises to become an international panel member and does international games cannot truthfully plead ignorance of the F.I.F.A. regulations because he cannot have failed to observe them. Not even when he is no longer on the panel of international referees.

And certainly not when an international referee becomes an instructor of the national, Asian and world controlling body. Yet the declaration of the referees' instructor of the All-India Football Federation, the Asian Football Confederation and the Federation Internationale de Football Association gives you nagging, disturbing doubts.

Especially about the impact he will have on referees whom he instructs.



THAT'S THE NUMBER OF BOOKINGS HE'S HAD SO FAR.



China sweep all but one

By A Special Correspondent

THE CHINESE dominance of table tennis continues unabated. The masters ping pong yet once more swept aside all opposition in the recent World Championship at Gothenburg to take home almost all the titles.

They brought their tally of world titles to 48. The only crown to elude them this time was the men's doubles like in Okso a couple of years ago. In Novisad (Yugoslavia) in 1981 the mighty Chinese had walked away with all the titles. There was some talk of the Chinese deliberately getting eliminated from the doubles race this time to allow hosts Sweden a face-saving victory.

And the Swedish pair of Mikael Appelgren and Ulf Carlsson duly won the title by beating the Czech pair of Jindrich Pansky and Milan Orlowsky in the final.

Jiang Jialang the top seed and world number one who had played the key role in helping China to retain the men's team championship title easily defeated compatriot Chen Longcan 21-14, 23-21, 21-18 in the final.

Jiang the 21-year-old hard hitting right-handed penholder gave ample evidence of his calibre and indicated that most of his career is still ahead of him.

Cao Yanhua the top woman player for quite some time now won the women's title for the second successive time. Cao a 22-year-old right-handed penholder hit a series of forehand winners to subdue Geng Lijuan 21-12, 21-16, 10-21, 21-16 in an all-Chinese final.

Cao became the seventh woman to achieve the dual since the championship began in 1927 and the first since North Korea's Pak Yuk Sun equalled the feat in 1977.

In her fourth world championship Cao won her seventh gold medal. She helped China win the team championship for the fourth time running. She teamed up with Cai Zhenhua to win the mixed doubles.

Chen, who played as crucial a role as Jiang in China's victory in the team championship, however faltered in facing his more accomplished team mate. Chen played bravely but he was

nowhere near Jiang when it came to speed and accuracy.

So far only five Chinese have won the men's title since Jung Kuo Tung won the crown for China for the first time in 1959. They have won the singles on eight occasions so far.

The only Chinese to claim the title three times was Chuang Tse Tung from 1961 to 1965. Guo Yuchua won

in 1981 and 1983. Hsi Enq Tung triumphed in 1973.

In the team championship the Chinese men blanked hosts Sweden 5-0 to retain the title. Their women routed North Korea 3-0 in the final to keep the title.

China's triumph was marred by unusual scenes during the women's final. Chinese official Zheng Min Zhu was on



Cao Yunnua, arguably the best women's player, won the title for the second year in succession.

ded off the playing arena for illegal coaching. What made the whole episode ridiculous was the fact that the Chinese hardly needed any coaching from the sidelines.

The only scare the Chinese men got was at the hands of South Korean men who extended them to the maximum. The teams were level 4 4 and in

the decider Jiang had to use all his guile and experience to overcome Ahn Jae Hyung 21 19 21 15.

The Korean's display was shocking as they had themselves lost 2 5 to Hong Kong earlier in the day.

The final positions were

Men 1 China 2 Sweden 3 Po

land 4 Japan 5 North Korea 6 Yugoslavia 7 Czechoslovakia 8 France 9 South Korea 10 England 11 Hong Kong 12 India

Women 1 China 2 North Korea 3 South Korea 4 Holland 5 USSR 6 Hungary 7 Japan 8 Czechoslovakia 9 England 10 France 11 Romania 12 Sweden

Indian men fare well

THE INDIAN participants in the World Table Tennis Championships fared reasonably well in the team championships but put a sorry figure in the individual events.

Only two made it to the second round but lost there.

In the overall standings Indian men were 12th and the women finished 19th. The men lost the fight 0 5 for the 11th place with Hong Kong. The women defeated Austria 3 1 to push them to the 20th rung on the ladder.

The Indian women were off to a flying start in Group C of category II. In Lu Pui and Vyoma Parikh comfortably demolished New Zealand 3 0, overpowered Indonesia 3 1 and swamped Australia 2 1.

However, they met with their first reverse at the hands of the United States, losing 0 3. Indu and Vyoma joined hands to help India prevail over Australia.

In the men's section the trio of Kamlesh Mehta, S. Sriram and Sujay Ghorpade were instrumental in earning India two creditable victories. They defeated Italy 5 2.

But their second triumph was more praiseworthy. After being 0 3 down and on the verge of defeat, the Indians bounced back to down Denmark 5 4 for a stunning result.

Sweden and France beat India 1 5 and 3 5 respectively. But overall it was an impressive display by the Indians who had managed to avoid relegation. (An ITTF decision later did away with the categories and the competition was thrown open to all).

In the men's singles first round, Sriram registered a straight games win over Welshman Nigel Thomas without conceding a single point.

Kamlesh had to face Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek in the first round and

lost 11 21 14 21 19 21.

Monalisa Barua got the better of Youngfan, FUS 21 18 12 21 11 21 22 20 21 18 to advance into the second round.

In Lu Pui, Vyoma Parikh and Sujay Ghorpade all lost their first round matches while Arun, Jyoti Barua, V. Chandramouli and Niyoti Roy failed to make it from the qualifying round.

In the second round, Sriram lost to Sweden's Jan Sakner 11 21 12 21 16 21 and Monalisa was beaten 13 21 9 21 5 21 by China's Gong Li Jun.

The doubles pair of Kamlesh and Sriram bowed out in the second round to the Chinese duo of Xu Suke and Teng Yi.

Over 700 competitors from 85 nations took part in the championships.



Kamlesh Mehta did creditably well but lost to Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek in the first round. **RIGHT** **Sriram** went into the second round by upsetting Nigel Thomas of Wales.

**JEHANGIR KHAN**

Big Brother of squash

JUST before the 1984 British Open final David Miller of *The Times* commented 'Tonight the 32 year old Qamar Zaman will attempt the near impossible the wily veteran leopard is trying to feint his way past a tighsh young champion who is perhaps the most complete of all reigning sports professionals'

Jehangir has the immovable temperament of a Borg or a Laver the condensed power of a Palmer the reflexes of a Carl Lewis the resilience of a Daley Thompson From what I know from those who were there at the time perhaps only Fred Perry has been such a complete master of both technique and winning temperament in an individual ball striking game

Jehangir's record in this event was casting a spell on his opponents He destroyed Jahan in the 1981/82 final annihilated Awad last year and took a shade under an hour to overwhelm Zaman last April

His record in the Masters was equally impressive Enough to make Dudley Word the UK Sales Manager of ICI comment 'This is the third time in as many years that I've presented Jehangir with the trophy The way he's going he'll have more perspex than ICI Perspex of course is the revolutionary laminated all transparent squash court used very successfully last year'

Do you ever get bored? I asked Jehangir The champion like some of his illustrious predecessors is a man of few words Every tournament is a new challenge I enjoy winning he commented

It was perhaps for the first time since April 1981 that one suspected a chink in his armour Chris Dittmar the stylish Australian and the elegant Kiwi Stuart Davenport had extended him But both had been kept in check

'I lose the odd game but you have to go back to November 1981 to find someone who took me to five games said the mercurial Pakistani

Today he is the Big Brother of squash He is set to become the game's first millionaire

There is a queue of sponsors lurking around, with blank cheque books Even the Americans have been spell bound and the champion has beaten their best at soft-ball their own version of squash

At 14 Jehangir had won the



Jehangir Khan... always aims higher

Pakistani Junior title He's only 21 now Gone is the boyish image of a few years ago when he was part of the Wembley crowd

Today he has a tremendous following A film on his achievements was made by a Middle East marketing firm and sold for a reported £250 000

How does he do it? His answer sounds simple I pray I practice

and so it goes on He's extraordinarily fit and has developed some remarkable reflexes

Zaman the stroke playing genius could (and possibly still can) beat the rest his stumbling block is a magnificent athlete thirteen years his junior who only allows him an occasional look in

Even Hunt at his very best could not do to Zaman what Jehangir can He makes it look easy as he floats past his opponents and writes his name on yet another trophy

Have we seen the best of Jehangir? Some critics reckon he may idle at the top Others particularly the players know better Jehangir is a perfectionist

He always aims higher

Jonah Barrington believes that the champion is still developing mentally and physically The odd game lost injects an even deeper burning, a quest for ten out of ten

RAJU CHAINANI

IHF brings down age limit

FOR THE junior national hockey championship to be held at Imphal Manipur, in May boys born on or after January 1, 1965, were to have been eligible to participate originally

But now an Indian Hockey Federation notification to its affiliated units has pushed the age limit down by three years Now only those born on or after January 1, 1968, can take part in it

The IHF may think that it is showing great foresight by changing this date so that players young enough to play in the 1988 Junior World Cup could be selected at the end of the Imphal national

But while one appreciates the federation's earnestness in preparing a team for a major tourney so far away, one is prompted to ask whether the IHF can't select the probables for that Junior World Cup through another competition instead of changing the age limit for the Imphal meet

Had the IHF given thought to the disappointment that would be caused to many young players who now would not be able to take part in this

junior national?

These players might have been preparing for this junior national so that they could catch the selectors' eyes to be shaped into stars for the future

Now they have been placed in the unhappy position of being too old to play in the junior national and too young to be picked for the senior State teams

It is clear that the IHF has not really shown foresight Otherwise, it would not have announced the change just a few weeks before the junior national is to begin

The State Associations have been informed that the decision to lower the age limit was taken at the federation executive meeting held during the Palghat senior national in February

If then, why didn't the federation announce it at that time itself? By announcing it so late it has inconvenienced many affiliated units which have already selected their probables for the junior national with born on or after January 1 1965 as the cut off mark

ALLROUNDER



A remarkable show on turf

By Sudeep Sonawane

IT IS A PITY that only a handful of spectators were present throughout the ten days of the 43rd Western India Classic Horse Show and Mounted Sports held at the Polo Grounds, Mahalaxmi Race Course, Bombay from the 22nd to the 31st of last month.

Only the old faithfuls with special affinity to this turf sport trudged along to watch the centre field of the sprawl in Race Course to cheer the riders on the team fire ponies in the various equestrian events of the competition which saw the cream of Indian Polo players in action.

The 43rd Western India Classic Show conducted by the Amateur Riders' Club in tandem with the Indian Navy and sponsored by the India Tobacco Company may have perhaps envisaged a lukewarm response from the spectators knowing that the average sports lover would stay away from the precincts of this hallowed turf.

As such it wasn't surprising to note the participants along with the organising officials and their kith and kin out

numbering the spectators expecting the penultimate day. The plethora of finals of events like Individual Tent Pegging, Team Tent Pegging and the exhibition Polo match for the Gwalior Gold Cup perhaps explained this turnout.

Yet the absence of a horde of screaming spectators didn't affect the ultimate result nor did it make any difference to the riders and in fact it is observed that the ponies get unduly restless in the presence of large crowds and noise.

Amidst these surroundings teams like the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune Artillery Centre, Nasik Armoured Corps Centre and School Ahmednagar competed for thirteen Challenge Trophies.

The National Defence Academy gave a good account of themselves in the polo matches. Their consistent performance was primarily due to the presence of Lt Cdr R S Sodhi (+5 handicap) who played true to his form and finding the goal with religious regu-

larity.

In the battle for the Silver Stick Polo Trophy, Sodhi got going almost immediately after Vice Admiral Subimal Mookerjee, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Naval Command threw the ball to signal the start.

NDA were awarded a 30 yards hit in the third minute of the first chukkar and Pickles Sodhi, as he is fondly called in the polo circles, hit straight in to the goal to put them in the lead.

They could have bagged one more goal in the fourth minute but in the sixth, just 15 yards before the Remount Veterinary Corps and Armoured Corps Centre playing a combined team goal mouth, the ball was hit out of play.

NDA's Cadet R S Parmar (2) riding in the first position coordinated well Lt Cdr A P Samra (11) manning the second spot. These initiated some enterprising forays into the RVC's ACC.

Undaunted by the frequency of the attacks, RVC's Capt



Lt Cdr Chanda Singh, NDA, clears the fourth obstacle



G.T. Shah, the Individual Tent Pegging event champion, makes a clean lift

A.S. Sidhu (t2) made a solo gallop in the 5th minute, clearing the ball from the centre line to the NDA goal. Cadet Parmar followed him in hot pursuit but in vain for Sidhu was very much in control and commanding position to smash the ball home to equalise.

Their joy was short lived as the redoubtable Sodhi got in the act just before the hooter, to put DNA ahead by a near backhand.

The second chukkar started with a hit in by Lt Col R Pandher (t1). In trying to hit a near side backhand, Sodhi crossed the line and there by umpires Lt Cdr Siga and Maj K Garcha awarded a 60 yard hit in favour of RVC/ACC. Capt SM More wasted the hit by an ill directed shot.

RVC/ACC were anxious to get on with the game, but in the third minute Maj Narendra Singh (sratch) did score a goal which was disallowed, because in an effort to hit the ball in a hurry he crossed the line of the man behind him resulting in a free hit in favour of NDA from the spot where the foul was committed.

Both the teams were locked in a ding dong battle in the mind field where RS Sodhi dominated the proceedings and gave some excellent exhibition of wristy back handers but his team mates were, for a change, rather scattered to initiate any concrete moves.

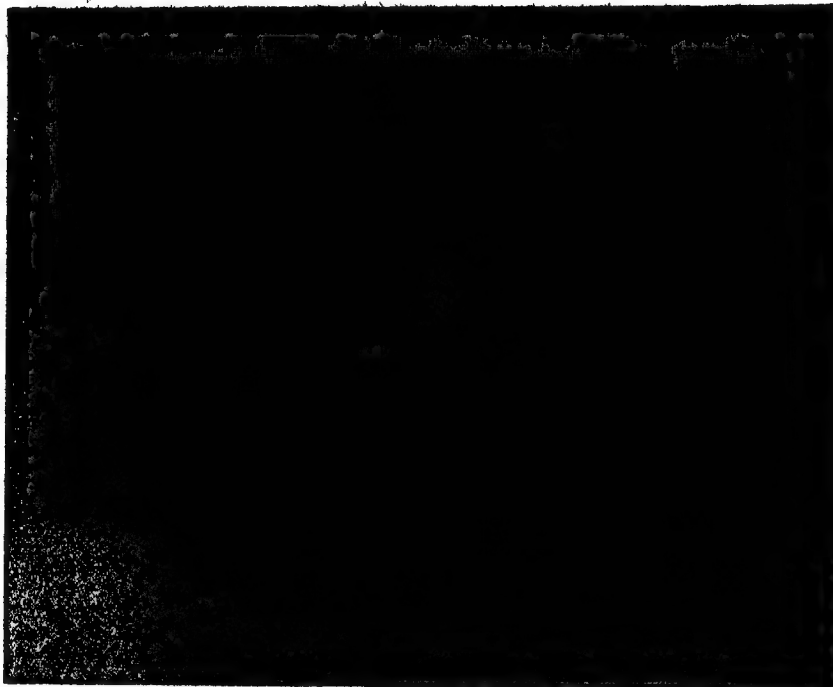
RVC had a chance in the third chukkar but none of the forwards were in position to collect a superb backhand from Pandher. Thus another centre hit went abegging. They did make amends when Capt Sidhu took a 60 yard hit and Narendra Singh made no mistake in striking the ball in between the eight yard wide goal posts.

NDA hit back through Cadet Parmar and were sitting pretty with four and a half goals, as against two by RVC at the end of the third chukkar.

One thought that the Academy horsemen would take it easy in the last chukkar but that was not to be! They had no room for complacency. Instead they spurred their ponies to gallop faster and foiled the desperate attempts of Capt Sidhu and company, who tried in vain to reduce the margin.

Cadet Parmar rose to great heights in the dying moments of the fourth chukkar and impressed with his clean hitting and interceptions, though he did topple over when his pony lurched dangerously. Yet, he continued undeterred to see NDA lift the 'Silver Stick Trophy'.

If polo was the toast of this fiesta organised by the Amateur Riders Club, with people like Lt. Col. Sodhi and Maj K Garcha (both +5) riding in the



PICS BY SURESH TAPURIAH

Pickles Sodhi...played true to his form, exhibiting the highest class of polo

cal Tyres', 'Musical Hats' and the fancy dress competition added colour to it.

There were other events like the Time and Trial and cross country competition. Confined jumping, Normal jumping which was a battle of attrition between the riders of the 61st Cavalry and NDA.

The Tent Pegging competition was another event which was closely contested. This event looks easy for the onlooker, far from it, this popular army sport is one, in which the combination of horse and rider with lance is tested on a marked track with a prescribed speed to pick the peg with the lance. It is a test intended to demonstrate the horse' freedom, energy, skill and obedience in galloping straight on the track when the rider is picking up the peg, which can vary in size from 3 cms and 6 cms, with the lance.

So it is, after all, quite a skillful task yank out a peg which is only 2.5 cms thick and sunk 17 cms in the ground leaving the same length clear above the ground.

The individual Tent Pegging was won by G.T. Shah (ARC) who lifted the peg neatly out of the ground. Lt Cdr A.P. Samra (Navy Polo Club) failed to touch the peg as such. Rajiv Mehra (ARC) had only to get a touch to the peg to finish second.

It was a fitting finale for the Amateur Riders to end on a winning note. They were rewarded, in a way, for their efforts in staging the 43rd Western India Classic Horse Shows. A special word of praise for the secretary of the

club Jimmy Bharucha and Suresh Tapuria. Polo in charge for efficiently organising the meet. The chief of Army staff, General A.S. Vaidya, the chief guest distributed the prizes.

RESULTS:

Jumping Competition (Open) **"Take a Gamble"**

- 1 Nb/Ris Bhim Singh (NDA) "Marshall"
- 2 Hav Sohan Singh (ACC) "Jaivir"
- 3 Dfr Chanda Singh (NDA) "Meghdoot"

Jumping Competition "Accumulator"

- 1 LDGS Saruk (61st Cavalry) "Bhagat"
- 2 Dfr Mohar Singh (61st Cavalry) "Matilda"
- 3 Dfr Chanda Singh (NDA) "Naughty Boy"

Confined Jumping Competition

- 1 Romil Malaney "Maverick"
- 2 Uday More "Humayun"
- 3 Divyung Mehta "Bolero"

Normal Jumping Competition

- 1 SDM S Kumbhar (61st Cavalry) "Padmini"
- 2 Dfr Mohan Singh (61st Cavalry) "Matilda"
- 2 Cdt A Kale (NDA) "Ripple"
- 2 Cdt R S Parmar (NDA) "Babar"
- 2 Dfr Chanda Singh (NDA) "Meghdoot"

Note: four riders tied for the second spot with identical scores.

Beena Chacko, captain of the Madura Coats women's volleyball team receives the 'Anchor Trophy' from Mrs. Malini Panikkar. The All India Volleyball Tournament was conducted by Madura Coats at Koratty near Trichur



I.A. men miss the flight!

SUMMER IN the capital brings many cricket tournaments. To set the ball rolling the K.B. Saxena Memorial Cricket Tournament at the National Stadium provided a nailbiting finish.

Mohan Meakin C.C. Ghaziabad, prevailed over a star-studded Indian Airlines in a forty over encounter. The exchanges were razor-sharp and in the final analysis slow stuff of Subhash Sharma and Anil Mathur proved decisive.

Pritam Singh of Mohan Meakin played the pivotal role for the winning side. In batting Pritam remained not out with 23 inclusive of 17 in an over

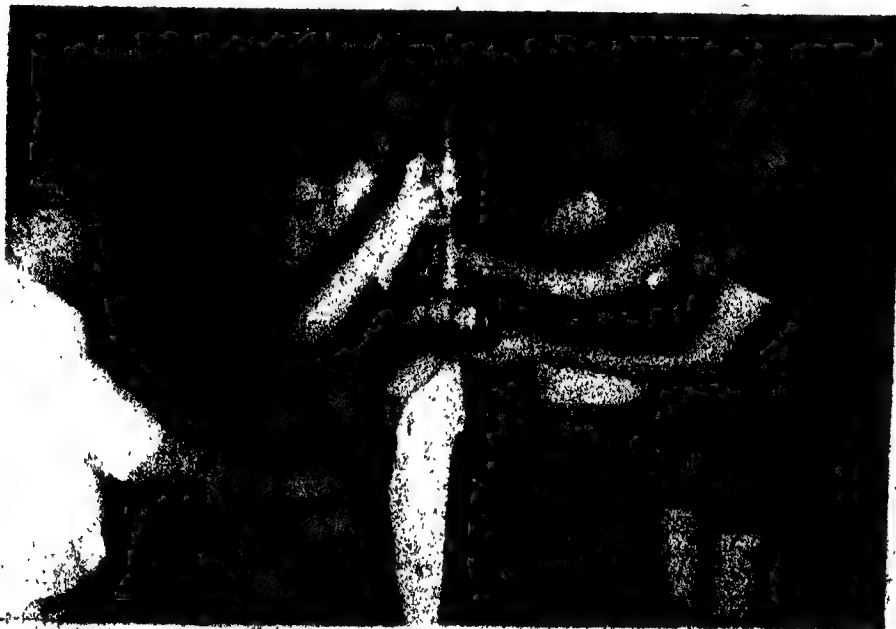
off Rajinder Singh Ghai. Pritam completed eight over quota conceding 35 runs with the valuable wicket of Pradeep Kochar.

K.P. Bhaskar, the batsman in form scored a sound seventy before being caught by Pritam Singh. Bhaskar added 85 runs with Kochar (43) and his knock included two sixers and seven fours.

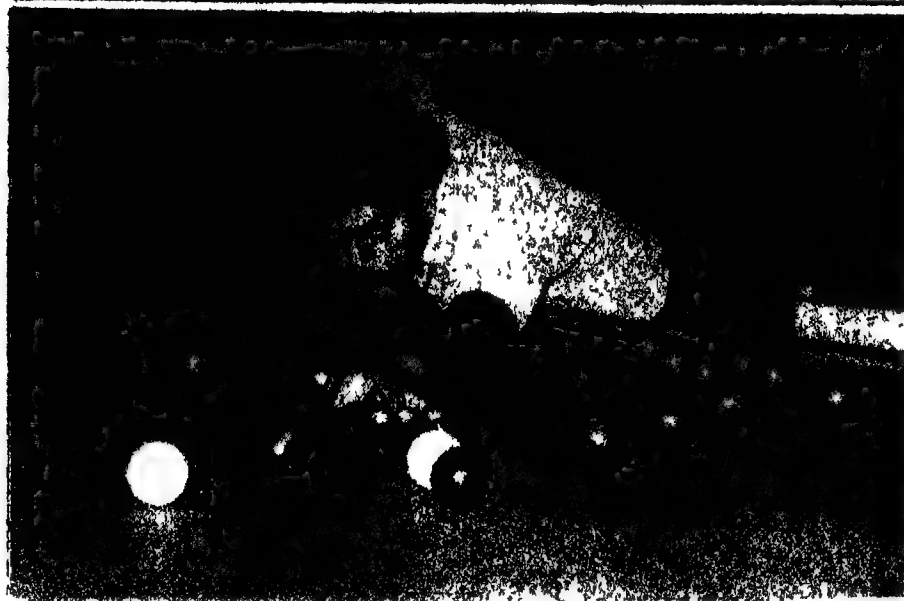
Mohan Meakin's total of 191 was achieved through determined efforts of the lower order batsmen and the notable among them being Guru Satkar's 27 and Vijay Jain's 26. They added 52 for the seventh wicket.

Airlines started their innings on a disastrous note losing Vivek Agarwal rather early. The innings showed substance at 166 for 3 but the slide started after the departure of skipper N.P. Singh, who was caught one handed by Kamal Juneja off Anil Mathur.

The strike rate required was five runs per over after 35 overs. In the last over Airlines required 8 runs and the strike rate increased after two runs outs. Off the last ball two runs were needed for an outright victory. Even a single could have helped Airlines to win the coveted trophy and the second run out proved decisive



Southern Railway scored a remarkable victory over a fighting Tirupur Textiles, beating them in straight games thus retaining the men's title. Picture shows Cyril Valloor, Captain, receiving the trophy.



Achint Verma sent ripples of shock with a sensational victory over Agarwal, five frames to one, on the opening day of All India Invitation Snooker Tournament held at Ludhiana, recently

Triumph amidst upsets gallore

WORLD AMATEUR Snooker Champion O B Agarwal won the inaugural All India Invitation Snooker Tournament in the Shastri Hall Ludhiana recently defeating India number two Sanjay Savant in the final. Agarwal beat Savant by six frames to three in the best of 11 final with a degree of comfort.

The tournament saw some incredible upsets sending the form book haywire. In the opening day itself Punjab No 1 and local favourite Achint Verma sent ripples of shock with a sensational victory over Agarwal five frames to one 97-19, 70-46, 24-89, 63-39 and 79-26.

The upsets continued throughout the league stages of the tournament. Verma then accounted for Billiard's wizard Michael Fernera by 4-1 and National Champion Geet Sethi went down to Subhash Agarwal.

In his second match Fernera once again failed to produce his magic and lost rather lamely to Arvind Savant. Geet Sethi on the other hand lost to Savant by 1-4. As a result of these two defeats, both Fernera and Sethi failed to qualify for the semifinals.

In the semifinals Savant effectively put a stop to the giant killing feats of Achint Verma. From the word go Savant was at his brilliant best handing out a 5-1 drubbing to the local lad.

Savant was in such a devastating form that he won the sixth frame with the incredible margin of 100-1. The second semifinal was however a cliff-hanger between veteran Subhash Agarwal and Om Agarwal. The world champion ran into early trouble trailing at one stage by one frame to three. However, he bounced back from brink of defeat to stop Subhash at 5-4 to enter the final.

The final was replete with some brilliant strokes from Agarwal and Savant. Agarwal true to his world rankings enthralled the huge gathering by his superb game.

Leaving aside the easier chances of scoring, Agarwal went for the impossible angles and was always dead on target. Savant too did not lag behind. After the loss of the first frame at 28-56, he came back strongly in the second to put it across. Agarwal 7-55. Sanjay touched his peak in the seventh frame in which he recorded the highest break of the tournament 93 and won the frame 113-20.

However, Agarwal played like a man possessed and nipped out the challenge of Savant in the remaining frames to emerge deserving winner.

D.K. MAHANT

The Individual Champions of the 14th YMCA Winter Swimming Galb, 1985 proudly display their trophies. Om Agarwal, World Amateur Snooker Champion, the chief guest gave away the prizes



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Another feather for Universities

By Allrounder

THE ALL India Universities team celebrated the International Year of the Youth by adding the A.M.S. Ganesan Trophy for the winners of the Nellai Friends Club's all India volleyball tourney to the VFI Departmental National Championship that it had won a few days earlier in Madras.

Universities truly deserved their success for they were the best outfit. They finished the four team summit league with cent per cent success beating Haryana, Rajasthan and Services. Haryana beat Rajasthan for their only success. Rajasthan beat Services for their only victory and Services beat Haryana for their lone win. The games averages were taken to decide the places whereby Haryana, Rajasthan and Service finished second, third and fourth respectively.

Universities proved a well knit team thanks to the training they had had from Chief NIS coach Buchiramaiah, a former India player and Gopinathan Nair, the highly successful Kerala Universities coach.

They showed themselves to be strong in stamina which helped them fight tough battles with vigour and gusto. In the exacting final match against Services in particular, Universities fought furiously till the last and won in three straight games, though they conceded the lead in all three. Weeks of physical conditioning exercises that they had undergone at the NIS helped them move about with alacrity and retrieve remarkably.

Inconsistent

Haryana's show was as inconsistent as that of their star spikers Om Prakash and Balkar. The absence of ace booster Daleel Singh, who had left for home fed up by the dirty politics in the team, left the two badly exposed. For want of good boosting, their spiking went awry. With their guns misfiring so often, they were repeatedly seen grinning. Zube Singh's serves and backcourt defence were impressive. But his boosting was found wanting. So was his net defence.

Against Universities, Om Prakash's game fell flat. He became diffident as he saw Sukhpal and Sandeep dominate the net.

Rajasthan were well served by seasoned India player Ashok Jain. He spiked and blocked with some assurance. Gopi Krishna was brilliant at times but often was erratic. He appeared to have lost his spring

Kirtash Kumar proved an useful player. Ashok Chakkad boosted sat-

For Services Babu Abraham who received the best booster award, the outstanding player Hira Ram

Jangpal Singh and Shamsher Ali spiked strongly but none of them was consistent. Against Universities all of them committed errors at very crucial stages.

Split in the pants gives side-splitting time!

SPLITTING seats in shorts showing a gleaming derrier and descending drawers have caused peels of laughter so often in sport.

But during the concluding match of the Nellai Friends all India volleyball summit league between all India Universities and Services a pair of shorts that wouldn't stay intact caused quite a row.

Services spiker Shamsher Ali's shorts developed a slit. Shamsher should have asked for a substitution. Though there were substitutes on the bench he asked for official time out so that he could go out and get another pair.

When referee Yousuff an international said no Shamsher continued playing and borrowed substitute Sunny's shorts after the first game.

Sunny now got into his sweat pants. A little later Services asked for substitution. Sunny came onto the court in long pants. Yousuff objected.

Services coach Santokh Singh, a national umpire, argued that a player could play in long pants. Yousuff admitted that long pants could be used but only when the weather warranted and that too only when all the members of a team were in the same attire—uniform.

Santokh however refused to withdraw Sunny in sweat pants. Yousuff refused to budge too. Play was held up for quite a while. Irritated spectators hurled stones onto the court.

Kuppuswami, a member of the Volleyball Federation of India's Umpires Board intervened. He found a solution to the tangle. Hosts Nellai Friends Club came to the rescue with a pair of shorts.

The pair suited Sunny. Sticker Yousuff now allowed play to resume.

But the slip was showing. How could he allow Sunny to play when his shorts were of a different colour, one wondered. Some rule perhaps!

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Universities skipper Sukhpal Singh receives the A.M.S. Ganesan trophy for the winners of the Nellai Friends Volleyball Club's All-India tournament from chief guest N.S.V. Chithan.



From the mean side of Merseyside to
Shakespeare and metaphors...

Conteh dream: part II, act I...

By Michael Herd

JOHAN CONTEH, the former world light heavyweight boxing champion, is six weeks into an Arts Foundation course at the Open University, England wrestling with A Midsummer Night's Dream

What were Shakespeare's attitudes towards the theatre? The play metaphor and its proliferation into figures of shadows and dreams "I thought it would widen me 'orizons," Conteh explained, wiping the perspiration from his forehead

"But to tell the truth all I seem to do is stick me 'and up and say 'Excuse me, miss, but I don't understand that ' See, I know I'm ignorant, like, but I wanna do it an' I'm gonna do it "

The significance of wanting to do it is not lost on the ex boxer and his lovely wife Veronica They realise it is another important stage in the rehabilitation of John Conteh, angry fighter, dabbler in drugs and boozier

I was at Wembley in October, 1974, when Conteh defeated Jorge Ahumada of Argentina to win the world title Even in the 15th round he was fast and beautiful, never once displaying the clumsiness of a brawler

Sadly, little went right after that After revealing an intractable bloody mindedness, he was stripped of his crown by the World Boxing Council three years later for walking out on a title defence, fought and lost three more championship fights, then quit in 1980 at the age of 28

He started drinking heavily, flirted with cocaine and was left with heavy debts when a restaurant business crashed He had a brush with the law and put himself into a Harley Street clinic for treatment for alcoholism.

Two years ago the British Boxing Board of Control refused to grant him a boxer's licence, a decision he contested and lost in the High Court He agrees now that the Board did him a favour because it could have been another step nearer the end of the road, a not unfamiliar story in pugilism



THOUGHTFUL.. with no doubt Shakespeare on his mind

Remember the American Willie Pastrano, an earlier holder of the same title? A year after his last £50,000 purse he was robbing houses to buy heroin to slip into his morning vodka

Conteh was the young man who stood on the apron of a boxing ring and had a well staged slanging match with Muhammad Ali about which one of them was the handsomest man in the boxing He was the young man who was linked to George Best as the sportsman who had it all but preferred the booze

Right now, between Shakespeare and his metaphors, Conteh is training for the London marathon He is only four or five pounds over his natural fighting weight and when you meet him at his home in Bushey Heath he is relaxed

He might have lost a fortune but at least he has a nice home and enough to live on and whatever scars he got from boxing, are on the inside.

"Regrets?" Oh, yeah, absolutely That was all the bad stuff, and anything bad I do regret. When I went in the clinic, that was the booze. I

don't think I went in to get cured or anything I went in to miss the flak It seemed safer

"This may sound on a bit stupid but it seemed safer inside one of those places than it was outside in the street Which is where I was on the street I felt exposed although I went in half admitting there was something wrong "

Conteh was brought up in the mean part of Liverpool and like many Merseysiders he talks a lot Actually, you don't interview him, you're given a lecture

"The booze? It's a lot better now like, yer know I do touch it, to tell you the truth It's not something I can say I've packed in completely like 'cos I've said that before and gone back on it But I don't have a problem I don't keep it hidden in the house at all "

A couple of years ago Conteh was blunted and forlorn, a man in hazy despair, and when he talked you got the wisdom which repressed philosophers draw from the wine cup Now now

He sits there, with his arms behind his head, an open necked shirt and sweater, slacks and sneakers able to smile as he looks back through the gauze of pain absorbent years

"When I go out now to do a job, a promotion or something, it's orange juice or Pernier water I'm there to do a job The job comes first whereas before it didn't Before I just couldn't cope with that reality "

He smiles and his eyes float like dark olives "With me, I go out and get sploshed I have one and I get carried away and end up in strange places The booze has taken me there

"So that's the situation I'd love to be able to say I've packed it in but I can't But I don't give myself too much pressure It has been a problem and it can still be a problem but it's not a problem today "

Conteh points to two things that have helped him The most important

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**SANDEEP SHARMA**

Poplar from Panipat

By Allrounder

HI was born in a family where the boys grew like poplars. And Sandeep Sharma has outdone them all. At six feet seven inches, he is indeed a Goliath. And Sandeep is the tallest of India's volleyball internationalists. And one of the most notable too.

For all his gigantic figure and tall achievements, Sandeep is not a to ploaty man. Far from it. He is modest of mien, a child at heart.

When I go out, people look at me as though I had come out of a zoo like some quaffle or some such creature. Sandeep said the other day when I met him at the Tamil Nadu Government's Directorate of Sports and Youth Services premises where the All India Universities team was put up during the Volleyball Federation of India's Departmental National Championship in Madras. He was laughing at his skyward growth. He appeared almost embarrassed by it. Needless to say, for it is an enviable figure that he has been blessed with. He might have been lanky once and might have chased and wallopped boys who poked fun at him, calling him 'Lambu'. But now he is recklessness. He is handsome and strong, tipping the scales at 87 kgs.

For once I didn't have to look up when talking to Daddy Long Legs. Like a little un, he was down on the floor, sitting on his haunches, his huge frame bundled up.

Sandeep talked about Kerala's Jimmy George, the jumping marvel of Indian volleyball who has made a name in European professional volleyball. Sandeep went gaga about Jimmy's vertical jump—3.65 metres—at the net, about how the springheeled man not at all tall managed to "stay" in the air a splitsecond or two more than the other players and how this ability to stay airborne longer helped him to spike after the opposing blockers had come down and also how that helped him to block very successfully.

Sandeep admitted that Jimmy's jumping ability was a natural gift, but he said he was trying to acquire such a jump through training and hard practice. "I do a lot of weight training, cross country running and a lot of ex-



Sandeep Sharma...volleyball's tallest star

ercises calculated to strengthen my leg power. I keep jumping like a jumping jack. At the moment, I can only touch 3.55 metres. But I think I should be able to improve much gradually. I'll keep trying.

I am very serious about my volleyball now, as I once was about my studies, said Sandeep. The beanpole went on. When I was in school, I used to be the school's best athlete, topping in long jump, triple jump, 110m hurdles, shot put and discus throw. But I didn't spare much time for play. I was more of a bookworm than an athlete. But that helped me get onto the merit list in the pre-University exams. I finished seventh in Haryana State, averaging 78 per cent marks in the non-medical group. And thanks to that, I was able to get a place in the Regional Engineering College. At the Kurukshetra University too, I could outdo the other boys in my athletics events. But I still concentrated on my studies. And I obtained a degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering.

Now I can concentrate on volleyball which I started playing only three years ago. I have many job offers. As an India player and with an Engineering degree to boot, I know I can get a job with an attractive salary. But money is not the main thing. I want to become a great player in volleyball and, hence, I want to join an institution where I will be able to improve my game very much. There is a good possibility of my joining Haryana Electricity Board where there are a number of India

players like Daleel Singh, Om Prakash and Balkar Singh.

How is it that Sandeep is playing for the All India Universities when he has graduated with an engineering degree?

Sandeep laughed. You know, I am so madly in love with the game now that when the Kurukshetra University authorities asked me to take up some new course so that I could play for the University, I couldn't say no to them. In January, I captained the University and helped them retain the All India Inter-University championship. I had played for the University last year too, said Sandeep.

Sandeep spoke highly about Kurukshetra volleyball coach R.B. Chauhan. "It was Chauhan who shaped up my game. It was he who encouraged my interest in it. Chauhan had produced a number of India players," he said. Daleel Singh, India's best booster, Om Prakash, a six feet six inches tall spiker, Laxman Raj Singh, Baber Singh, were some of them, said Sandeep, who led the Indian team to the Asian Youth tourney in Riyadh last October.

How come Lotty didn't get into basketball where his height would have been a great advantage to him? Sandeep said he was attracted by basketball for a while. He found scoring an easy job, but then he sprained his ankle once during a practice match against a girls' team. That forced him to remain in bed for a week and thereby killed his interest in that game.

I am happy playing volleyball though when compared to a game like cricket, there is hardly any money in it and there is pretty little publicity for it. I am fortunate to gain the goodwill of elders like Chauhan, Buchiramaiah, the Chief NIS coach, and Gopinathan Nair, the Universities coach. And I am thankful that I have had by breaks. The encouragements that I have received will surely make me work hard to achieve more honours, said Sandeep, who starred for All India Universities in their triumphs in the VFI Departmental National



is the backing from his wife Veronica, who kept the home and family together and in doing so enabled Conteh to stay in one piece

She is an attractive blonde who says "He's been through a very depressing time since the boxing finished. Of course it was difficult for us because you take it out on your nearest and dearest. It wasn't easy but I agonised for him because I knew what he was going through"

The other is that last year he appeared on stage in a provincial tour of the play, *Blood Brothers*. It was a meaty part and by all accounts the man acquitted himself well. "I loved it, loved it. I found it very demanding but I gave it a good professional whack"

Now, optimistically, he is hoping for other parts, something in films and a steady flow of bits and pieces promotional work. "Listen, I heard Telly Savalas the other day and he didn't start acting till he was 32"

Conteh agrees there were times when he acted like a fool especially in 1978 when the WBC took his title because he refused to fight in Monte Carlo. "That was my biggest mistake. There's been many mistakes but that was the biggest"

"See, I had a chance to go with Mark McCormack. To go to Monte



TOGETHER. . Conteh and lovely wife Veronica

Carlo to really turn it all round. Really get everything I wanted"

In one step I'd have knocked out the tax situation almost been a millionaire over night. But I had this tremendous anger inside me that I was being forced out. It was a mistake a big mistake

There is a John Bratby portrait of the boxer in one corner of the lounge. "See that. Conteh says pointing to it. "I got me just right. He doesn't mince around. Look at the sad eyes. Pathetic. Almost like a scared kid"

You can sense that even now there is still a scream of frustration buried inside him. Certainly, Veronica will tell you he doesn't like to think about his days in the ring

He remembers how his family — parents and brothers — were blamed for giving him bad advice. "No, no. Quite the opposite. They were the ones who lifted me. I needed them"

He moves his arms in a vulnerable manner when he talks about fighters. The poorest kids in the world can get in the ring and make a million. That doesn't take a lot of brains. All you've got to be able to do is fight

"Keeping the money understanding it that's the real arena — the money world. The reason a kid puts his head on the line is because he comes from an unreasonable situation called poverty. He gets the money and then the money gets him. It's crazy"

Conteh shrugs and tells me that most of us are out there battling, trying to earn a few quid to keep the family going. He knows there's still a battle or two he's got to fight but leaning forward intently, he says

"Cut out the bad. Bang. Gone. And if you're still alive you're in there with a shot. John Conteh. I am glad to report still has a shot or two left"

PROFILE

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last week and the Nello Friends Clubs all India tourney in which he was adjudged the best offense player

The tour of the Soviet Union under Daleel Singh his close friend in August, 1984 was highly fruitful in that he could learn much not only from the Russian coaches but also from watching the Soviet players. The Soviet coaches felt that he would be a greater player if he made his movements faster, said Sandeep

"Whatever you do do it fast" the Soviet coaches had told him. Sandeep said he felt like a small boy in front of the leviathans that he faced in the Soviet Union. "Almost everywhere there was nearly seven feet high and must have weighed 100 kgs each. But despite their height and weight they were so agile and flexible. Their blocking was superb and high ball attack something to be seen to be believed. Whereas we try to perfect our game in one aspect now and in another some other time, they appear to be perfecting their game in every aspect" Sandeep said

"We too can improve our game much, provided our players get enough

opportunities to play in top class international competitions. Also there must be at least two coaches with a team for at least two years. We also must be given topclass training facilities. After practising for months on wooden surface at the stuff NIS indoor halls our players find it difficult to produce their best on Terroflex surface and airconditioned indoor stadium when they go abroad. It takes a long time for our players to get warmed up in new conditions

Also our players mostly play on



Sandeep (right) in spiking action

outdoor courts all through the year and are handicapped to a considerable extent when they have to play indoor in international tourneys. For our players to do well in the international arena the country must provide indoor courts with topclass conditions. Also Adidas and Mikasa balls which are light and which are meant for indoor play, must be provided for them even for practice. But these are supplied only in big competitions in the country. If so, how could one expect our players to give a good show abroad?", asked Sandeep who with his tremendous height and reach is cut out to be a middle blocker

Sandeep is in a position to even stand and block smashes from rangy men like Om Prakash. And when he springs up and spikes, even tall blockers look small

He is an asset to the Universities side which is being prepared for the World Universities tournament, to be held in Kobe, Japan, in August. And Sandeep, 21, should prove an asset for India for years with the skill and strength he has and with the ardent love that he is showing for the game



NEVILLE K. DAROGA

'Lifters are not satisfied'

"DIET IS the main thing in the weightlifting. At 1982 Commonwealth Games, Brisbane, Australia, food was excellent. That is why all the 16 Indian weightlifters performed better", said Neville K. Daroga, who in the 1985 National Weightlifting Championship, Calcutta in 110 kg category snatched 140 kg, jerked 175 kg for a total of 315 kg to claim all three golds and overall championship.

Born in the urban scenario of Bombay, on Sept. 26, 1960, Neville was new to this sport. His eldest brother R. K. Daroga won 13 times Maharashtra State championship. Elder brother V.K. Daroga has been six times national champion and broke as many as 50 records in this field.

At the age of 16, in 1976, he successfully won in 100 kg Novices Championship, Bombay. In 1978 at the Junior National in Bangalore, he became the champion. In 1979, he joined Central Railway and in 1980 in the Inter Railways Championship, Secunderabad in 100 kg and over, he stood first with 125 kg S, 150 kg J and 275 total.

During the same year at the Nationals in Delhi, he again won the gold. In Nov. '81 at Patiala, in 100 kg and over, he lifted 130 kg S, 170 kg jerk and 300 kg total. Neville, thus became the first ever Indian to cross 300 mark in total.

At the Nationals Ernakulum, he lifted 135.5 kg snatch, 172.5 kg jerk and 307 kg total to lift all three golds and all three became record. All the eight lifts he passed successfully.

Again at Trial Games for Asiad, Delhi in 1982, he participated in the 110 kg and over category to lift 137.5 kg snatch, 170 kg jerk and 307.5 kg total. The snatch was his new record. At the Commonwealth Games, Brisbane, Australia in super heavy weight category, he lifted 135 kg snatch, 177.5 kg jerk and totalled 332.5 kg. In jerk he won bronze. At the Delhi Asiad, he snatched 135 kg., jerked 190 kg and totalled 325 kg. Which was the new national record and in jerk he stood 4th in this game. At the Pakistan National Games in 110 kg in 1982, he won championship with 130 kg S, 172.5 kg J and 302.5 kg total. Jerk was again his new national record. At World Railways Meet, Bulgaria, in super-heavy weight category, he got fifth berth with 140 kg S, 180 kg J and 320 kg total.

Q. The nation expects much from you in weightlifting. But you seem to be interested in the enhancement of your career by way of adding more degrees in your kitty. Aren't you betraying the expectation of the millions of Indians who look to you to uphold the national honour in the weightlifting field on the international horizon?

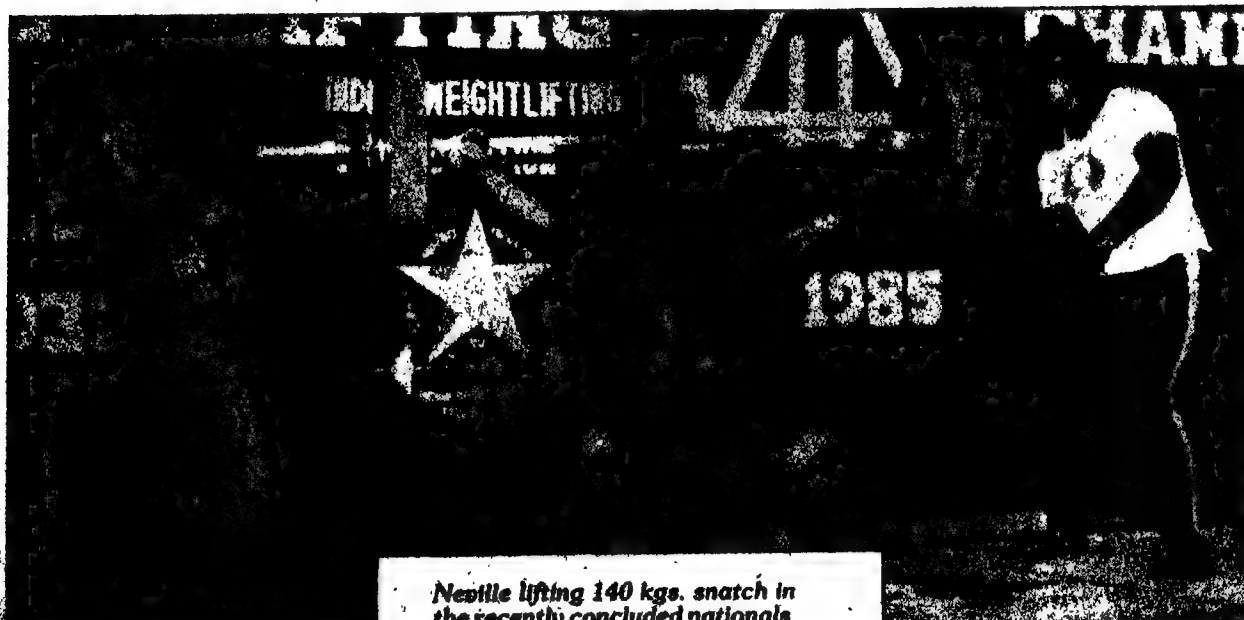
A. look? Pursuing weightlifting with singleminded devotion is like running into a blind alley. This discipline is full of official apathy, neglect, favouritism and opportunism. An average weightlifter needs a diet of Rs. 2,000 - 3,000 per month. We cannot dream of it. There is favouritism in the selection of candidates for foreign tours

Most of the participants are either from Railways or Services. They are given clean instruction to toe the official line and follow the official orders. If anyone dare to protest the injustice, vindictive action is taken and he is punished. Participants are not satisfied, they ever grumble. In this case, you can't expect hearty involvement from them. Training facilities are few. Before an important competition starts, one or one a half months training is given in the camp. For diet, whatever money the government allots, is insufficient. What is worse is that about 50 percent is robbed by the contractor who supply food-items. We've to put in our own money. It is not possible for every competitors to spend his own. Once the competition is over, their journey back is not looked after. Even the competitors from the Railways do not get reservation. Once the meet is over, everything is forgotten till a date is fixed for another championship.

Q. What do you suggest to improve the prospect of Indian weightlifting?

A. It is very simple. Stop politicking from this arena. Arrange for good diet, regular training on par with western nations. And if possible, change some of the officials and fill in the vacancy from among the renowned lifters of yesteryears. If this is done, in no time, like cricket, we can reach the Indian weightlifting to unenviable heights.

- TRIBHUVAN BHAGAT



Neville lifting 140 kgs. snatch in the recently concluded nationals

QUESTION BOX

Q WHO WERE the captains of the cricket-playing countries in their first Test match?

- K N Harinath, Bangalore

A ENGLAND - James Lillywhite
Australia - D W Gregory
South Africa - O R Dunell
West Indies - R K Nunes
New Zealand - T G Lowry
India - C K Nayudu
Pakistan - A H Kardar
and Duleep Mandis - Sri Lanka

Q HAS MANINDER SINGH taken four or more wickets in a Test match? How many wickets has he taken altogether in Tests?

- Ajay Bhaya, Surat

A MANINDER SINGH has taken four wickets in a Test innings only once. His best figures are 4/85. In all he has taken 15 wickets in Tests at an average of 64.66.

Q WHO WON the gold medal in the following events in the 1960 Rome Olympic Games - a) 100 mts, b) 200 mts, c) 400 mts, and d) 10,000 mts?

- N V Prasanna,

A Men - Armin Hary of Germany and Women - Wilma Rodolph of USA
b) Men - Livio Berruti of Italy and Women - Wilma Rodolph of USA
c) Men - Otis Davis of USA and Women - the event was not held
d) Men - Pyotr Bolotnikov of USSR and Women - event not held

Q WHEN DID Geoff Boycott make his Test debut and against whom? What was his score in both the innings? - M Nayeem Durrani, Sirpur, Kaghaj Nagar

A. GEOFF BOYCOTT made his Test debut in 1964 against Australia at Nottingham. He scored 48 runs in the first innings and did not bat in the second.

Q WHAT IS THE Test record of Mike Gatting of England?

- Balaram Behera, Bhubaneswar

A MIKE GATTING has played 35 Tests, 61 innings, 7 times not out, 1719 runs, 207 as his highest, 2 centuries at an average of 31.83. He has also taken 2 wickets.

Q WHAT IS THE birth date of the former Indian Test star G R Viswanath?

- Laju Menon, Pune

A 12.2.1949

Q WHEN WAS the first Test match played at Kanpur? What was the result? Who scored the maximum runs and who took the maximum wickets?

- Kaushik Majumdar, Ranchi.

A THE FIRST TEST was played at Kanpur on 12th January 1952. It was the fourth Test of the series against England. England won the Test by eight wickets with two days to spare.

The highest scorer was England's A J Watkins with 66 and the highest wicket taker was England's M J Hilton with 9 wickets in the match for 93 runs.

Q HAS GAVASKAR hit a century before lunch in first class cricket?

- Ilesh Shah, Vapi

A NO he is yet to record this feat.

Q What is the full name of Sir Gary Sobers?

- Suresh Dimurty, Madras

A Sir Gary's full name is Garfield St Auburn Sobers.

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RACING

By Railbird

An exercise in futility

IT IS NOT uncommon for a race to be decided at the start. It is most unusual for the start to be the reason for an objection. Such an incident happened in Bombay when Bhagwat, the rider of second-placed Vintage in the 1,400 metres Serenade Plate, objected against Pereira, the rider of Gamin who won by one length, on the ground that he (Pereira) broke out before the start and got an eight lengths advantage.

That Gamin did get a considerable flier was an obvious fact. Whether the mare broke through before the starter released the gates is another matter, one on which the starter must, of course, have the last word.

However, it was evident that the protest would have to fail although there is no reasonable doubt that Gamin's early lead made it possible for the mare to win. The protest had to fail for the obvious reason that had Gamin broken through her stall before the starter despatched the field, and had he been aware of it, he was duty bound to delay the start and have Gamin recalled and restalled.

Otherwise, it was a "no start." The fact that this did not happen is proof that the starter had no doubts about the validity of the start and, therefore, the objection could not be sustained.

There are some aspects of the event which stimulate thought and discussion.

It is difficult to conceive of a horse getting a flier from a start from stalls. The fact is that this has happened often although, it needs to be stressed that for a horse to get such a long break at the start as Gamin did, is most unusual. The explanation is that the more alert rider can steal a march over his less alert rivals at the start.

Oldtimers will recall that Kheem-singh, who is now a stipendiary steward with the RWITC, was quite expert at this in his days when, of course, there were tape starts.

There is also one memorable incident of an objection for interference at the start being upheld. That was decades ago when Gagan Doot gained a pillar-to-post victory over Vedette but lost the race in the stewards room following a successful objection by the great Pandu Khade, who was astride Vedette. The decision was the subject of much race in the stewards room following a successful

objection by the great Pandu Khade, who was astride Vedette. The decision was the subject of much acrimonious debate.

In point of fact, Bhagwat's objection was not against Pereira but against the manner in which the start was made which, again, means that it was against the starter. It was an exercise in futility, for, even if it were upheld, the race could not have been awarded to Vintage as the start would have thereby been declared a "no start" which means that the race would have had to be declared 'void'.

Such an attempt was made in 1965 when the connections of Sun-Deep sought to have the Indian Derby declared 'void' in an unprecedented objection which was lodged the day after the race but within the stipulated 24-hour period for such protests. Sun-Deep was a close second to Rose Royale and the objection was on the allegation that Rose Royale had broken out of her stall before the starter had despatched the field.

The starting stalls were a new innovation at that time and although the procedure was different from tape starts, no rules had been formulated and there was no reference to it in the Racing Calendar, publication in which has the same sanction as a rule of racing.

However, an official circular over the signature of the Secretary of the RWITC which was captioned "clarification of the method of starting from stalls" or words to that effect had been made available to all concerned and in that circular it was specifically stated that if a horse broke out from its stall prior to the starter despatching the field such horse had to be recalled and stalled again before the start could be given.

It is interesting to note that the starter of the time, N K Pudumjee, who is also the secretary of the club, admitted that Rose Royale had broken out from her stall and though he was fully aware of it, he sent the field away because, in his discretion, the filly had not gained any material advantage and as the field was restive if he had recalled her the start would have been considerably delayed.

The stewards, after a protracted hearing, rejected the protest on the ground that under the rules of racing the starter did have discretionary powers. The rules referred to by the officials were those governing tape starts. It was contended that no rules covering starts from stalls had been framed and there was also no Calendar notice on the subject.

That, of course, was perfectly true. But inasmuch as the circular mentioned earlier was an official document and in as much as the preamble described it as a "clarification" it had greater sanction than a rule as it was clearly an interpretation of the rule. As everyone knows the most difficult legal cases in the highest court in the land are argued and decided on the interpretation of the wording of the law. As such the stewards erred in rejecting the protest because under the terms of the "clarification" the starter had no discretionary powers whatsoever.

IT IS NOT unusual for surprise packets to surface towards the end of a racing meeting but what is happening in Bombay at the moment is remarkable and bookmakers are having themselves a ball as outstanding horses are repeatedly failing.

By a strange coincidence, the biggest surprises occur in the tanala pool
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SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





CHESS

By R.B. Sapre

9 Qa5 (i/o...c 3) 10.Bxf6, gxf6 11.Bxc4. Rg8 12.00 were both won by White.

8.Bx(6) Schmidt-Henley, Indonesia 1984: 8 Qc2, Nbd7 9.Be2, a5 10.00 b4 11.Nd1, b3 12.Qb1, Ba6 13.Nc3, Bb4 14.Bd2, e5! 15.dxe5, Ng5 16.e6?, fxe6 17.Ng5, Nxf2!! 18.Rxf2, Rf8 19.Bf3 (19.Qf1?, Rxf2 20.Qxf2, Bc5) Ne5 20.Be1, Nd3! 21.Nxe6, Rf6 22.Nxg7ch, Kf7 23.Nh5, Rxf3! 24.gxf3, Bc5 25.Kg2, Bxf2 26.Bd2, Rg8ch 27.Kh1, Be1! 0-1

11.d5!) 'Kurs Dyebutov' evaluates this position as leading to a sharp struggle.

13.Nh4?) 13.e5, Nd7 14.exf6, 000 15.Qc2 offers better chances of active play. After 13.e5, f5? Would be dangerous because of the sacrifice 14.Ng5, Ke7 (or 14..Bc8 15.Bh5ch Ke7 16.Nf7) 15.Bxc4! bxc4 16.Qh5!

14.Bg4) After 14.Bh5ch, Ke7 the Black King is safe. White plays to recover his gambit Pawn

17.Nd5?) Perhaps White thinks he can win a Pawn this way, not anticipating the intermediary 18.dxc4 His best chance may be 17.e5! fxe5 18.Qe2: or 17..Rxd7 18.Qh5 Rd2 19.Ne4 or exf6.

19.Bd7?) Better 19.Qe2 Rxc8 (19..Kxc8 20.Qxe4, Rd4? 21.Qa8ch) 20.Qxe4. It seems White did not anticipate 19..Kc7!

20.Qh5) Now after 20.Qe2, Rxd7 21.Qxe4, Rd4 22.Qe3, Rq4 (not

22..Rxb4? 23.Qg3ch) 23.Qh6, Rhg8 can give Black a strong attack

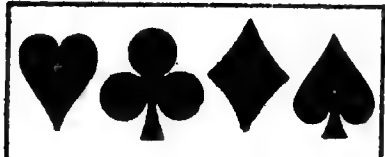
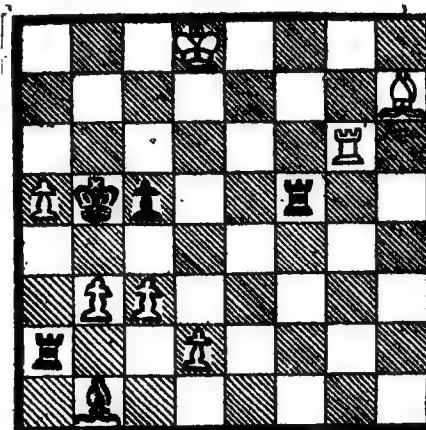
24.Qxh7ch) If 24.Re2 Bxf2ch!, 25.Rexf2, Rxf2 26.Rxf2, Rd2 27.Qxh7ch, Kg8 28.Qh4, Rd1 mate

27.h4) 27.Qxe4ch, Qc6 will only present Black with a tempo for advancing his passed Pawns if White avoids exchange of Queens; and after 28.Qxc6ch etc the Black King gains a move

29..Bxf2ch!) A nice finish The piece sacrifice hastens the advance of Black's connected passed Pawns tying up White's Rook and Knight while White's advanced h Pawn proves utterly innocuous

END GAME

White to play and draw.



BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

look like costing more than four I.M.P's.

The fire crackers were in the other room:

S	W
(Sukha Ghosh	(Jaggy Shivdasani)
IS	2H
?	
S	W
(Choksi)	(Tavkar)
IS	2H
3S	P
5C	Dbl.

N	E
Robbi Roy)	(Rajesh Dalal)

3D P

N	E
(Ambrish)	(Kejriwal)
3D	P
4C	P
All	pass.

Sukha's problem was the product of his Precision Club system. A bid of "3S" would have shown a six-card suit. That apart, can you blame his reluctance in stressing such a moth-eaten? "4C" would have meant crossing the "3NY" level. I think "3H" would have been the least of the evils... but oh how easy life would have been in a natural system with a natural "1C" opening and comfortable rebids in spades. Sukha tossed the coin and came up with the worst bid of all: He shot "3NT"!

The defence took six heart tricks and two aces. Four down vulnerable instead of pocketing the easy game. It should have been five down! Had Rajesh not routinely unblocked his heart nine, he'd have had an entry to shoot a spade through for that last drop at blood.

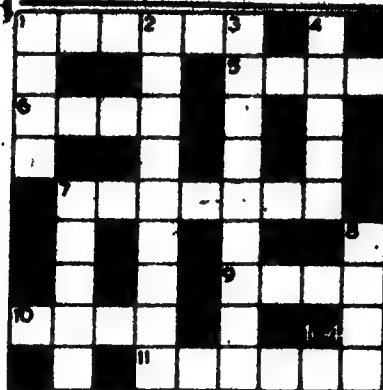
My reporter does not tell me what Davenport did against Tolani with the N/S cards. However, when Davenport was E/W Kamal Ghosh ended up in

T HIS deal swung wildly in the Nagpur Selection Trials -

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A		
KQJ1073		
KJ532		
AQ983	N	J6
K1087654	W E	932
A	S	98542
nil		1094
	K10542	
	QJ	
	6	
	AQ876	

Only one table produced a predictable result. it was in the match between Poysha and vishy's team:

If Tavkar had been in less of a hurry about doubling "5C" he might have had a chance of doubling "six" if you know Ambrish as I do you'd give him at least an even money chance of over-shooting "5Cx" was the cake-walk it looks but never the less did not



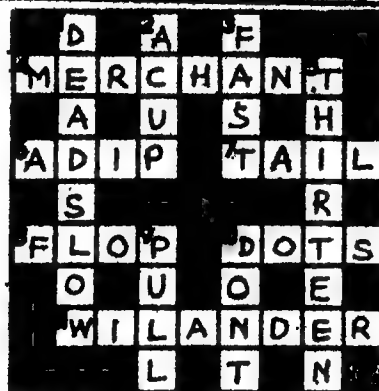
ACROSS

- 1 Hardly an opponent to underrate, even if far from fit to hold a candle to Allan (2 4)
- 5 One who failed to hit it off in Test Cricket (4)

- 6 Poor return for Dhyani Chand's contemporary (4)
- 7 Through which the night-watchman was bowled? (3 4)
- 9 Eight balls down under? (4)
- 10 India's first in cricket was in 1932, last in 1984 (4)
- 11 What the horse that is a non-starter does (6)

DOWN

- 1 Hardly Rahul Mankad standard? (4)
- 2 The one who returned figures 5-3-7-4 when New Zealand were shot out for 26 by England at Auckland in March 1955 (9)
- 3 The Run Pensioner's Paradise? (5)
- 4 Something soothing to assuage wounded feelings: he failed to be that for Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev (5)



- 7 Typhoon that first hit Australia at Sydney in December 1954 (5)

- 8 The younger Nayudu after Alamy Rae to be described? (4)

WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

1. What is the middle name of Australian tennis star Rod Laver?
2. In which years did Rod Laver win the tennis Grand Slam?
3. When was 5000 meters' race first introduced in the Olympics?
4. With which sport are the following sportsmen related - a) Paul Mason, and b) Korrelia

Ender?

5. What is common among the following Games - cricket, golf, polo and tennis?
6. In the 1972 Olympics Germany beat Pakistan 1-0 in hockey final. Who scored the solitary goal?
7. Which country won the silver in the 1976 Olympic Games?
8. Who is the chairman of the Australian Cricket Board?
9. How many times has Holding taken more than 5 wickets in an innings?
10. Who was Dennis Lillee's

355th victim?

11. Against which country did Ken Barrington make his Test debut?

ANSWERS

1. George. 2. 1962 and 1969. 3. 1912, Stockholm. 4. a) Cycling and b) Swimming. 5. These are few of the games which were discontinued from the Olympic Games. 6. Michael Krouse. 7. Australia. 8. Fred Bennett. 9. 13 times. 10. Sarfraz Nawaz. 11. South Africa, 1955.

Pen Friends Corner

Prakash Dave - 23

Amit Dave - 20

RB/II. 979-19 (Rly. Qtrs)

Kolsewadi 421 306.

Kalyan. Dist Thane

Sports, correspondence, reading

M/s. Anita Singh - 16

Plot No. 1, Latape Bungalow

Govt. Colony, Vishram Bagh.

Sangli 416 415

"SH doubled" An excellent save! Did I say 'save'? That is what it should have been. In practice it reaped a bonanza. Winning the diamond opening lead, Kamal played a low heart, delightedly dropping West's ace. He ruffed the diamond return and tried a low spade to dummy's knave and South's king

South had only to play back a trump at this point in order to ensure defeat of the contract but he lazily tabled his club ace. The roof caved in, two spades were ruffed on board and the sacrifice bid had come home to roost for a lovely saving to Davehport.

Syed Irfan - 19

S H Munsien.

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Travelling, reading, films

Sudipto Bhattacharya - 16

31, Harish Chatterjee Street

Calcutta-26

Philately, swimming, cricket

Sanjeev Agarwal - 22

c/o S K Agarwal,

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Lucknow 226 001

Cricket, T T, Badminton

Gulshan Sachdeva - 19

D/162 Rajaji Puram

Talkatora road, Lucknow-226 017.

Penpals, cricket, guitar, gardening

M/s. Natasha Joshi - 11

9, Maharashtra Society,

Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-6

Swimming, western music, cricket

Sandeep Khushu - 18

Harco Colony (South) Rawalpura.

Srinagar-190 005.

Poems, mythologies, reading

George Easo - 19

35 Hajaribagh Society.

Opp Nutan School.

Near Ranna Park.

Ghatodia, Ahmedabad 61

Football, magazines, posters, music

Saurabh Agrawal - 16

4-Old Inspection House.

Canal Colony.

Lucknow-226 001

Badminton, T T, music, reading

Deepika Khare - 19

Room No. 4006, Hostel No. 4

M A C T. Bhopal-462 007

Swimming, skating, disco, music

Rajeev Gupta - 17

House No. 1210, Lakshmi Bai Nagar.

New Delhi-110 023

Penpals, science, reading

Waseem Bari - 19

Tayyab textiles.

Khanda, Falsa, Jodhpur.

Tennis, gifts, friendship



MAILBAG

Azhar's knock was equally good

MOHAMMAD AZHARUDDIN fought manly against the fiery Imran Khan at Sharjah; which India ultimately won. He also scored 22 superb runs against Australia in the final on a wicket helping the bowlers. But surprisingly Gavaskar got the player of the series award. Why so?

Earlier, Kapil Dev excelled in bowling, batting and fielding against New Zealand in the semi-final of the Benson and Hedges World championship of cricket, which was the most important factor in Indian victory. Yet Ravi Shastri got the player of the match award. Why so?

- Ashok B. Shenoy,
Bombay-400 089.

Avoidable criticism

A LOT of unnecessary criticism is heaped against the Pakistan cricket team which lost to India in the final of the B&H championship and the Rothmans Cup.

The cricket fan across the border should realise that their team has lost convincingly to the Indian team—a fact, acknowledged by Mudassar Nazar—which was the superior.

The Pakistanis played well in the match against India. It was a great feat to bowl out the Indians for a paltry 125 runs. But, unfortunately for them, India played exceedingly well to turn the tables on them.

The cricket followers in that country should realise that it is a game after all. Somebody has to lose. May be their turn for a song and dance is round the corner.

- Paul Waneson,
Malad, Bombay.

They play for India

THE other day I heard one cricket enthusiast talking to another, "See how much Kapil did for Gavaskar when the latter was captain. Compared to that what has Gavaskar done for Kapil Dev—simply nothing." He was perhaps, referring to Gavaskar's failure with the bat in the Rothmans Cup tie against Pakistan.

Suddenly I found the answer to my question—yes, it's the enthusiastic but ungrateful fans of this country who, satisfy their whims and fancies, by creating such unsavoury disputes and blow them out of proportion.

Besides, there are some high-placed officials with petty feelings who use such show downs as publicity gimmicks for their own benefit, not realizing that it is the cricketers who fall from grace, as a consequence.

We cricket fans must remember

that Gavaskar and Kapil Dev do nothing to oblige each other, if they perform well it's solely for the welfare of the team and our country. The team needs them both.

Let us pray they always put their heads and souls together to take Indian cricket to greater heights.

- Ms. V. Shobhana,
Bhopal-462 002.

Kapil was magnificent

CONGRATULATIONS to the Indian cricket team for their success in the four-nation Rothmans Trophy. They played like true champions. Kapil Dev led the team magnificently. He proved that he can rise to occasion, when India was reeling under pressure.

The match against Pakistan was one of the most memorable match ever witnessed in one-day games. The entire team played admirably.

The pitch at Sharjah is not at all a batsman's strip. It is a bowlers paradise, specially for the spinners. It remains to be seen whether the authorities would improve the standard of the wicket in future.

- Aurnob Roy,
Lucknow-7.

Racing [from p. 53]

Races and the dividends are truly remarkable. The jackpot, too, has given small fortunes by way of return and this, naturally, has attracted more money for subsequent pools. Thus, although the attendances are noticeably thinner the collection in the pools is well above average. This is a contradiction in terms which, this column at least, is unable to explain.

RELATIVELY small and to some extent unfashionable stables are very much in the news. Jamshed Dalal had three winners in the 13 races held over the week-end through Lady, Gan in and Minx and C.A. Kutappa claimed two prestigious races with Suave and Aristotle. Abbas A. Abbas, the son of veteran trainer Ahmed Abbas, did better still, bringing off a long-priced winners in Take Off, a performance which N.V. Patange emulated with Parvaz.

THE extended 29-Day Calcutta season ended last week. Haskell David was the leading trainer with 33 winners and R. Rodrigues was the champion jockey with 22 winners. Robin Hood was the best of the local horses although he was well and truly beaten by revelation in the Charminar Challenge Indian Turf Invitation Cup. That day was the high point of the season and the RCTC staged it with pomp, circumstance and, what is more important, dignity.

BCCI should reconsider their decision

THE decision of the Board of Control for Cricket in India to stage the World Cup '87 tournament matches, split up over two days is very disappointing.

By staging it over two days with 80 overs on the first day and 40 overs the following day, it will kill the interest of the spectators.

One day matches means, they have to be completed on the said day itself. By splitting the game over two days the tempo and the excitement will fizzle out.

Then staging such an important tournament during the month of October means trouble. During the last two three years we have witnessed the monsoon playing havoc during the Tests and one-day games. I feel it would be better to stage the tournament sometime in March or first week of April. Thus there won't be any danger of the matches being washed out by rain. Besides it will be possible to play the game within one day as the day length is longer in summer.

The playing hours can be kept from 8.45 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. So if the over rate is 15 per hour then each side can bowl 60 overs easily.

One fact should also be kept in mind that in the eastern parts of our country the sun rises as early as 5.30 a.m.

There is still enough time for the Board to think over the matter, and change its schedule for the world cup. This will not only safeguard the interest of the game but will also give equal opportunity to both the sides as regards playing conditions.

- G.R. Talwalkar,
Bombay.

Disheartening

IT IS QUITE disheartening that even after a month after winning the Benson and Hedges World championship of cricket few sports magazine in India have come forward to put up a small photograph or an article on the great off spinner and team manager E.A.S. Prasanna.

One could not forget Prasanna's contribution as cricket manager and friend of the Indian team who inspired them to such great heights.

- V. C. Rammohan,
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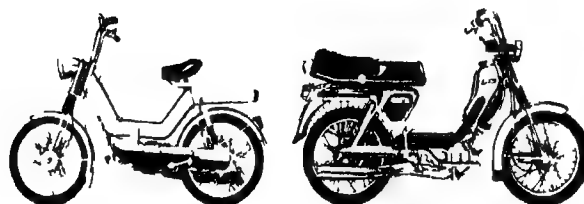
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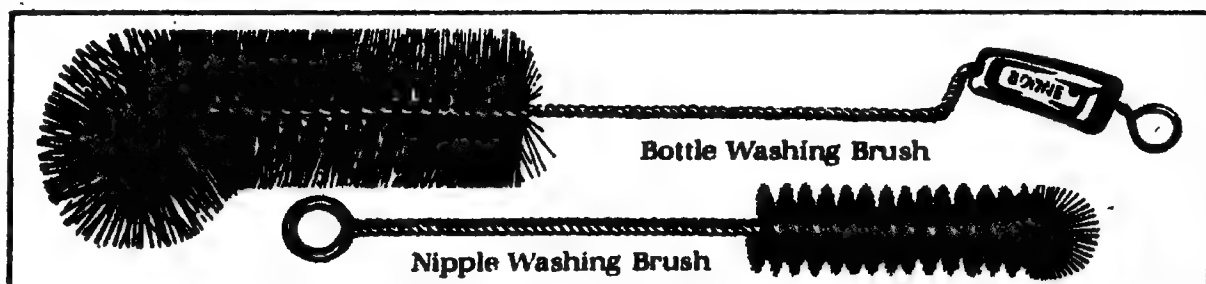
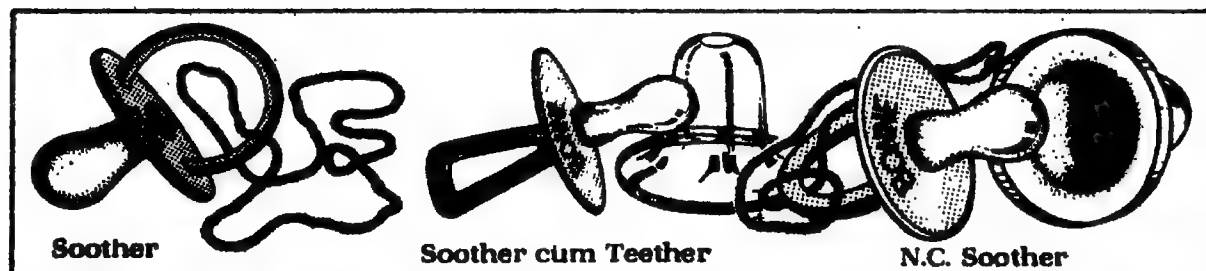
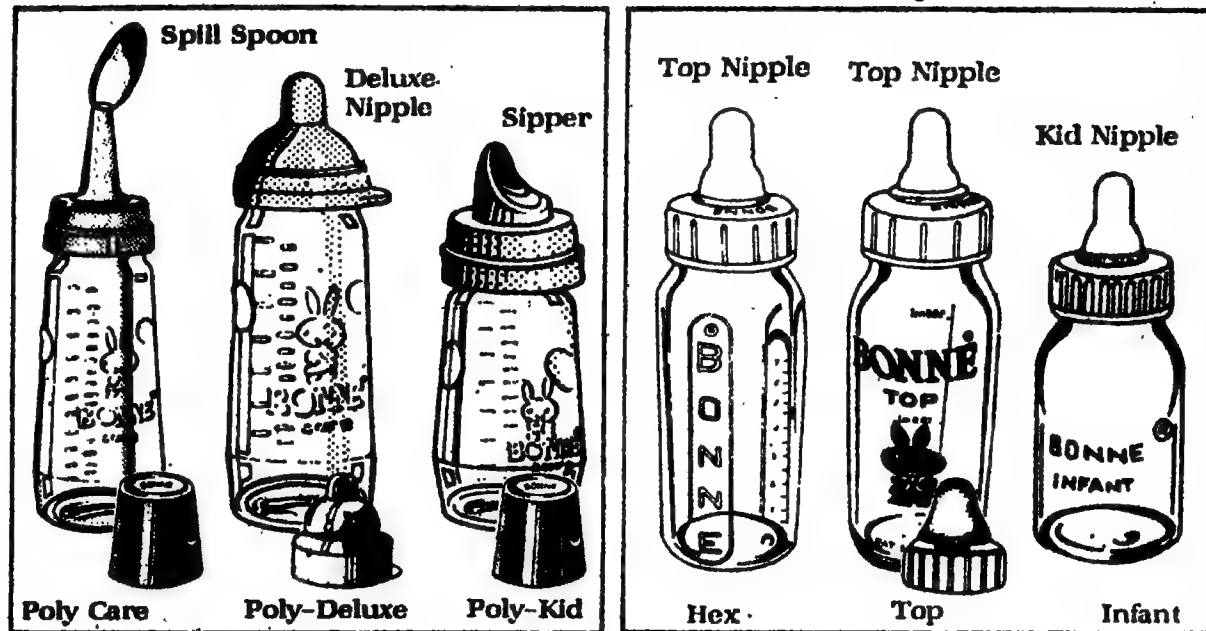
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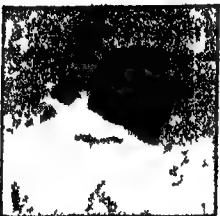
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Right on, Crowe

MA RTIN Crowe is one of the most exciting, young bastmen in the world, in the same league as Richie Richardson of the West Indies and Mohammed Azharuddin of India. Within just a couple of years, Martin has established himself a regular Test player for New Zealand, and also enjoyed a tremendous first season with Somerset last year, scoring 1870 runs.

In fact his stint with Somerset last year has been a rich and rewarding experience in terms of learning the game, a fact which he acknowledged after scoring mammoth 188 in the second Test against the West Indies at Georgetown recently.

It was an innings which will have come as a tremendous relief to Crowe's family, his teammates and his countrymen, all of whom have believed that he had the potential to become one of the foremost batsmen of his time. Crowe has thus probably just begun on a trial of many more hundreds and thousands of runs for New Zealand.

"I set myself very high standards and I want to be in a side that does well. I get very depressed if I have a bad game"

His first season for Somerset also saw him blossom as a medium pacer for his side, a role he performed with great credit again when New Zealand toured Pakistan late last year. But Crowe admits that his primary desire is to succeed as a batsman.

"I imagine myself to be a batsman through and through. I have never really believed in myself as a bowler, but if the team needs it I am quite happy to bowl. I have been worried in the past that my bowling might affect my batting, particularly in the one day games, but in the three day games I probably bowl more for enjoyment. However I want to score hundreds."

One of the reasons why Crowe agreed to play for Somerset last season was to dispel his fear of failing.

"I set myself very high standards and I want to be in a side that does well. I get very depressed if I have a bad game. I was pleased that I succeeded in my first season for Somerset, which

enabled me to overcome many psychological misgivings."

After his fine performances against Pakistan at home, where he made the most runs for his side but did not score a hundred, and now after his epic know at Georgetown, Crowe has obviously got over his fears.

One of the hardest sacrifices that

Crowe has had to make has been to be away from his family. "I see my parents only rarely because of the hectic schedule Test Cricket involves now. I get very homesick when I am on tour. It is very hard to be away from the family. But they always phone me up on the first day of the season, or I call them up when I am on tour which keeps me going."



Martin Crowe...his primary desire is to succeed as a batsman



THE SEASON THAT WAS

By Ayaz Memon

SO Sunil Gavaskar was right after all. His prediction last September that this was the season of hope for Indian cricket, was dismissed as misplaced optimism after India's disastrous showing for the major part of the season in which India lost to Australia in the one day series, fared only slightly better on the tour of Pakistan, and were then comprehensively routed by a second string English side led by David Gower.

Three weeks of exiting, compelling cricket in Australia, and ten more days immediately afterwards in Sharjah is all it took to change the mood of the nation.

In a remarkable transformation, the Indian team, castigated, humiliated and written off by their most ardent supporters, turned the world upside down Down Under and to win the prestigious World Championship of Cricket. And to enhance their reputation further, they clinched the Rothman's Cup in style too, to complete a remarkable run of wins in inter national competitions, beginning with the Prudential Cup in 1983 and including the Asia Cup in 1984.

The euphoria which followed these victories is thus justified. It was like the release mechanism which psychologists tell us about. The tension of defeats and humiliation was defused almost overnight and was replaced by undisguised joy and elation.

But in the tumult which has understandably followed, it would be foolish to presume that Indian cricket has reached its peak. I would at this stage in fact cast my lot with Gavaskar and aver that the season which has just passed us has provided hope that in the coming year(s), Indian cricket will reach its zenith.

There is no effort to water down the magnificent efforts of the Indian cricket team, but if one is realistic, one will realise that the victories have after all come in one day competitions. The Test matches are still (?) the real challenge and that is the area in which this hope is placed for the coming season.

It would be convenient and easy to put on blinkers and proclaim that we are the world champions. But if the recent past is any indication, such a be-

lief will only boomerang, as happened after the Prudential Cup win. The simple truth is that we are indeed champs. One day champs. In Test matches, we have not won a series since the 1981 contest against Fletcher's Englishmen.

The season began with the reinstatement of Gavaskar as skipper. It was a surprise move, for though Gavaskar had led India to victory in the Asia Cup in the absence of Kapil Dev, it was generally presumed that the Indian all rounder would take over after he had recovered from his knee operation.

It was not one of the most enlightened moves by the selectors and there were serious repercussions later in the season, though the precipitating factor

was quite different from the captaincy issue.

The Australian team arrived here under Kim Hughes and what promised to be an even contest soon fizzled out into a one sided affair, with the Indians quite out of their depth against a supremely fit and motivated side.

Despite the presence of Kapil Dev, India lost three of the five one day matches possible quite easily. This defeat however was dismissed without much hullabaloo. The Indian team was apparently out of practice. Kapil Dev had just made his comeback and was not completely fit. The Indians would improve as the season progressed.

What, for some reason, was not



Sunil Gavaskar...deemed to be the man behind Kapil Dev's ouster for the Calcutta Test against England, he became Public Enemy Number One



immediately recognised was the dismal conditioning of the Indian players the poor standard of fielding the lack of purpose

The significance of these attributes became so evident five months later when India won the World Championship and the Rothmans Cup primarily due to their superb fielding and splendid teamwork

The Pakistan tour was a disaster in more ways than one. A short tour with no first class games between the Tests and the one day internationals was always going to be problematic

The first One Day International at Quetta was lost. The first Test at Lahore India saved by the skin of their teeth thanks to a remarkably patient and determined hundred by Mohinder Amarnath. But the general incompetence of the Indian team was temporarily submerged in the ruckus which followed Gavaskar's valid but unprecedented outburst against Messrs Shakoor Rana and Khizar Hayat

The umpiring in that particular Test was bad. Horrible. But in the wake of Gavaskar's outspoken statements against the umpires the inherent weaknesses in Indian cricket went largely ignored. The bowling attack was thin. The only strike bowler Kapil Dev was suffering from a loss of form which meant India found it difficult to bowl out the opposition once leave



Kapil Dev despite his presence, India lost three of the five one-dayers against Kim Hughes' Australia

alone twice to win a Test

Following Mrs. Indira Gandhi's assassination the tour was called off

but the biggest relief to all concerned was provided by the Board officials who stated that the reciprocal tour arrangement with Pakistan was being discontinued

It was a sensible step for apart from killing the spectator interest in the two countries these reciprocal tours would in the long run have even damaged whatever tangible steps were being taken to improve the relationships between the two countries

The Pakistan tour was followed immediately afterwards by the series against England at home. Gower's team after a protracted spell of uncertainty played and lost the first Test at Bombay, spun out by a thin ebony-hued teenager, L. Sivaramakrishnan

The win, coming as it did after three years and 30 Tests, was well earned though it may have killed spectator interest what with everybody expecting a 'Brown wash' for Gower's men after the 'blackwash' they had experienced at the hands of Lloyd's men just a couple of months earlier

But the joy in the Indian camp was short-lived. In the first Test itself, differences between Kapil Dev and Gavaskar became public knowledge and when India lost a Test they should have never lost at Delhi, they lost the psychological grip over the English team and consequently the series

Kapil Dev struck himself out of the Indian team, if only for one Test. To balance this equation, Sandeep Patil,



Mohd. Azharuddin...his record-breaking entry into Test cricket was the soothing balm to injured egos

was also struck off the Indian squad he has not yet been reconsidered Gavaskar was deemed to be the man behind Kapil's ouster and became Public Enemy Number One, a position he only strengthened with his absolute disdain for the spectators in Calcutta

The English team, after squaring the series at Delhi consolidated their position at Madras and went off as surprise winners against a full strength India side. They also won the one day series 4-1. This without Botham, Gooch, Boycott or Emburey.

The Indian cricket lovers were disillusioned. They were in fact livid. The losses against the West Indies last season were acceptable. So were the defeats against Australia. Pakistan was best forgotten. But humiliation by this England side was unpardonable. It was a series that India could have won hands down. There was criticism all round. The captaincy was criticised. The players were not spared. In fact the existence of the game itself was questioned.

It was a spontaneous emotional outburst, but like all emotional outbursts, it only touched part of the truth. In the series against England

some encouraging facets had revealed themselves. The emergence of Mohammed Azharuddin, a batsman blessed with the skill of an artisan and the instinctive genius was Indian cricket's biggest boon. Azhar's record breaking entry into Test cricket was the soothing balm to injured egos and portended well for the future.

Ravi Shastri, an unsung all rounder had demonstrated throughout the series that he was on the verge of breaking into the big league. He may have disappointed as a bowler in the Test matches, but his batting was solid and reliable. Amarnath had reaffirmed that when in form he could bat as anybody else in the world. In Sivaramakrishnan, India had discovered another strike bowler, in fact the only one after Kapil Dev.

And one had only to rely on Gavaskar and Kapil Dev, the two outstanding Indian cricketers of the present decade. Their form could only improve after their performances against England.

For the Benson and Hedges World Championship of Cricket, Gavaskar was retained as skipper despite his failures. But by then he had decided that

he had had enough and even before his departure gave notice of his unwillingness to continue as captain after this tournament.

The Indian team had been beaten 4-1 by England in the one day matches. But all these ties were closer than the results indicate and could have gone either way. The selectors experimented with too many players during the home series with the result that the team could never really settle down. This is not proffered as an excuse for the defeats, but an explanation. The selectors fielded what presumably were the best teams and England won fairly. But were these the best teams that we could choose?

For the Australian leg, the selectors opted for a balance between experience and youth. Veterans like Amarnath, Madan Lal and Binny were recalled. The master stroke was the inclusion of Sivaramakrishnan for the tournament. The leg spinners selection evoked widespread criticism and even cynicism. More than even Gavaskar's retention as captain. Just three weeks later everybody was singing a different tune on both counts.

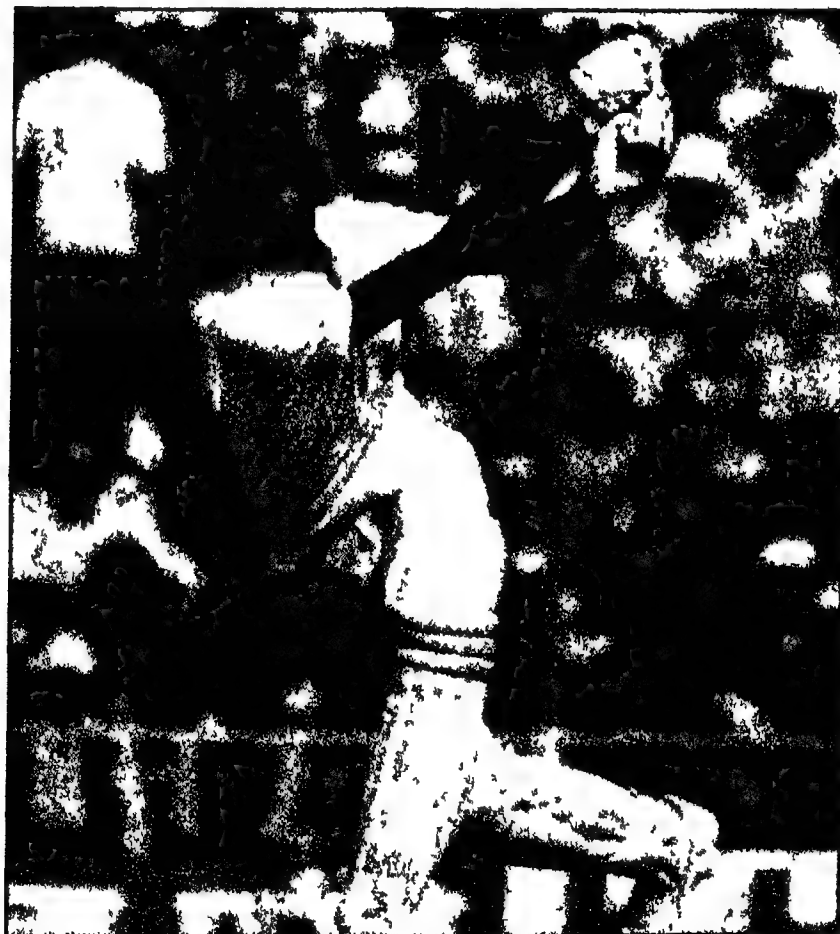
How and why India won the World Championship of Cricket and followed it with the triumph in the Rothman's Cup is too recent to bear repetition. What has to be emphasised is that these victories would not have been possible if A) India had not fielded as well as they did. For too often in the past the Indian team has been guilty of slackness, of unprofessionalism. The lessons are obvious. You field well and you can win the major tournaments. Note the Prudential Cup win in 1983, the Asia Cup in 1984 and then the two recent ones. B) That personal differences have no place on the field. Once Gavaskar and Kapil had patched up, or at least decided that it was more important to fight a common cause rather than amongst themselves, the outlook, the morale of the entire team was revived.

This revival has been the most significant gain of the season. Even a change in the captaincy after the Australian tour had no untoward effect on the team members which is a pleasing development.

The most important gain is that the Indian team now believes it is a champion side and plays like one.

The victory against Pakistan in Sharjah, defending a paltry total of 125 would otherwise not have been possible. This as the West Indies side will tell you is the best and necessary ingredient for success.

This is the belief, cricket lovers in this country hope, will be carried forward next season and the seasons to follow.



Ravi Shastri...while he may have disappointed as a bowler in Tests, his batting was solid and reliable



Batsmen make hay on a dampner

By A Special Correspondent

THE second Test between West Indies and the visiting New Zealand team at Georgetown was a dampener. The wicket prepared for the Test was so heavily loaded in favour of the batsmen that there was no realistic chance of achieving a result in the Test once Martin Crowe and Jeremy Coney had warded off the threat of Malcolm Marshall early on the third day.

The wicket was a batsman's paradise and rightly came in for severe castigation from the two skippers and the West Indies manager, Wesley Hall. Indeed, it has been surprising how the West Indies authorities have prepared such tracks when they have the most penetrative attack in the world.

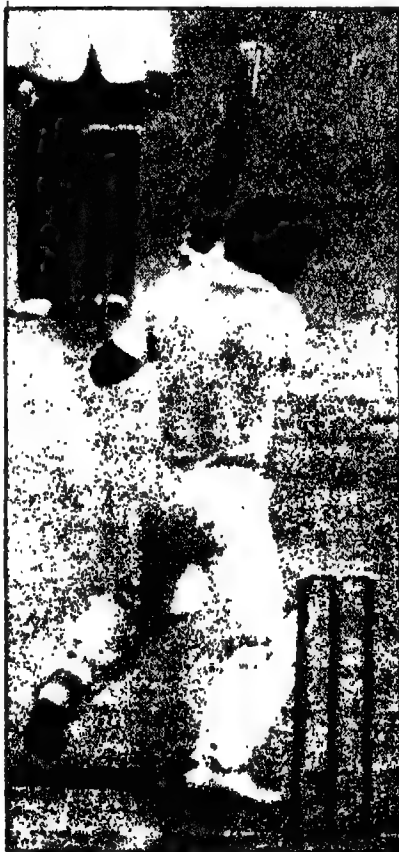
But for all that the Test will be remembered for some memorable batting performances, from Richie Richardson and Desmond Haynes for the West Indies and Martin Crowe and Jeremy Coney for New Zealand.

The two 22-year-olds, Richardson and Crowe sounded out a warning to the bowlers in the world that they have now come of age. Both have been acclaimed as promising, exciting youngsters for a couple of years now. Richardson has a few hundreds to his credit, but his form overall has been patchy and he was being regarded as a fairweather player.

Crowe, before this knock, had just one hundred to his name in 20 Tests, the match-saving one against England in 1983. He had followed it up with a superb first season with Somerset last year, but in the subsequent Tests, he had not quite lived up to the expectations of his teammates and countrymen.

The redeeming feature of this Test thus was the metamorphoses of these two outstanding youngsters. If Martin Crowe got greater acclaim and also the man of the match award it was only because his was a fighting hundred and at least for half the duration of his innings he was under tremendous pressure. And of course he had to face a more lethal attack.

Richards won the toss for the second time in succession and promptly chose to bat. His move was vindicated as the New Zealand bowlers toiled



Martin Crowe...a metamorphoses of this young cricketer

hard all day, with no help from the wicket, to claim just two wickets for 271 runs. Greenidge was out early for 10, but Haynes and Richardson made merry when the sting went out of the attack as soon as the ball lost its shine for Richard Hadlee to exploit any help from the wicket.

Predictably, the West Indies batsmen went for the runs on the second day. Richardson, not out on 140 overnight, went on to compile 185, his highest in Tests. But he looked out of depth on the second day and took two hours and 50 minutes more to add 45 before he was run out. However Gomes, Richards, Logie and Dujon chipped in with fast, useful runs and West Indies had reached 511 for six just after tea when rain, which has been dogging the New Zealanders

here, arrived, to make any further play impossible.

Richards had no option but to declare at the overnight total when play resumed on the third day. In his first series as captain, he is keen to prove that he is indeed the logical successor to Clive Lloyd and had made some brave efforts to win the first test too. And when Ken Rutherford edged Garner to Dujon in the second over of the innings, Richards went all out for the kill with as many as eight men behind the wickets.

West Indies met with another success an hour later when John Wright who was batting well along with Jeff Crowe, was slow in responding to a call from his partner and run out by a direct throw from Desmond Haynes. It was a needless loss of a vital wicket.

In the post lunch session, Marshall coming on for his second spell struck two quick blows to send New Zealand reeling to 98 for four. His first spell had been erratic, good balls interspersed with frequent wides and no balls. But after lunch, he was on target and it was easy to see why he is the most devastating fast bowler in contemporary cricket.

Jeff Crowe and his younger brother Martin were all at sea against him and it really was no surprise when Jeff was bowled for 22, beaten by sheer pace. A little later, skipper Jeff Howarth was snapped up by Des Haynes at short leg off a lifter from Marshall and New Zealand found themselves in a tight spot.

But these are the circumstances which bring out the best in Jeremy Convey, as was evidenced in the first Test too, and the West Indies met with no further success that day.

Convey played superbly. He shielded Martin Crowe from the fast bowlers, counterattacked Marshall to remove him from the attack, and by the end of the day, had even tamed the dreaded pace attack of the West Indies.

In Coney's company, Crowe got over his nerves and flowered in the evening to play some beautiful strokes. By close these two had all

ready added 132 runs, a record for New Zealand against the West Indies, to take the total to 230 with only 81 runs more needed to avoid the follow on and ensure a draw.

Coney departed early the next morning, caught in the slips by Richards off Holding. His departure seemed to effect Crowe's confidence too, and in the pre lunch session New Zealand could add only 52 runs for the loss of two wickets, with Crowe making just 15 of them.

The post lunch session saw Crowe at his best. With Ian Smith giving him good company, Crowe cut loose with a flurry of superb shots all round the wicket, first to reach his hundred and then to race towards his 150. The two put on 143 before Smith was leg before to Marshall playing across.

With only the tailenders to support him, Crowe went after the bowling and had reached 188 when he was last man out, leg before to Joel Garner. Holding had chipped in with two wicket, those of Cairns and Boock.

Crowe's marathon innings had not

only saved the Test for New Zealand, but will have provided him with a strong dose of self confidence and one can expect many more runs from him in the future.

By the end of the day, West Indies had reached 41 for the loss of Haynes, caught behind off Hadlee. With the wicket still playing true and no chance of a result, the West Indies plodded along on the final day to reach 268 for six before the game was called off. Richards did not apply the declaration because he claimed that on this wicket, it would have been "unfair to ask my bowlers to have a go at the batsmen".

The redeeming features of the final day were a knock of 59 by Greenidge who had failed in the first innings, and a hit for six by Larry Gomes, his first in 47 Tests!

Scoreboard

West Indies (1st innings):
C.G. Greenidge b Chatfield 10
D.L. Haynes b Hadlee 90
R.B. Richardson run out 185
H.A. Gomes lbw b Cairns 53
V.A. Richards st Smith b Coney 40
A.L. Logie c Howarth b Hadlee 52
P.J. Dujon not out 60

Extras (b 1, lb 16, w 1, nb 31) 21.
Total (for 6 wkts decl 511)
Wickets fell at: 3, 221, 327, 394, 407, 511

Bowling: Hadlee 25.5-5-83-2 (nb-2), Chatfield 30-3-122-1, Cairns 36-5-106-1 (nb 1), Boock 42-11-106-0 (w 1), Coney 18-2-62-1, Howarth 4-1-15-0

New Zealand (1st innings):
J.G. Wright run out 27
K.R. Rutherford c Dujon b Garner 4
J.J. Crowe b Marshall 22
M.D. Crowe lbw Garner 188
G.P. Howarth c Haynes b Marshall 4
J.V. Coney c Richards b Holding 73
R.J. Hadlee c Dujon b Marshall 16
I.D.S. Smith lbw Marshall 53
B.L. Cairns b Holding 3
S.I. Boock b Holding 0
E.J. Chatfield not out 3
Extras (b 2, lb 12, w-6, nb-27) 47
Total 440

Fall of wickets: 18.2-45 3-81, 4-98 5-240, 6-261, 7-404, 8-415, 9-415

Bowling: Marshall 33.3-110-4, (18nb 6w), Garner 27.5-72-2 (8nb), Holding 28.6-89-3 (1nb) Butts 47.12-113-0 Richards 8.1-22-0 Gomes 8.2-20-0

West Indies (2nd innings):
C.G. Greenidge c and b Coney 69
D.L. Haynes c Smith b Hadlee 9
C. Butts c Smith b Hadlee 9
R.B. Richardson c J. Crowe b Cairns 60
H.A. Gomes c sub b Rutherford 36
A.L. Logie not out 41
P.J. Dujon b Cairns 3
I.V.A. Richards not out 7
Extras (b 7, lb 24, w-1, nb 2) 34
Total (six wickets decl) 268
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-46, 3-150, 4-191, 5-207, 6-225
Bowling: Hadlee 16.3-32-2, Chatfield 16-2-43-0, Boock 18.3-52-0, Cairns 18-4-48-2, Coney 10.3-20-1, Rutherford 9.1-38-1, Howarth 5-4-2-0, Wright 3-1-2-0



Left and Dujon's Hadlee's memorable batting performances



A 'pair' on debut

THE promising 19-year-old New Zealander, Ken Rutherford, had an unhappy start to his Test career by failing to score in both innings on his debut at the Queen's Park Oval, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, in the first Test against West Indies from March 29-April 3, 1985. He was caught at forward short leg off Marshall in the first innings, and tragically run out in the second.

He thus becomes the 187th player (the 27th New Zealander) in Test history to bag a 'pair' on the 215th occasion - the 29th time for New Zealand.

More pertinently, this is the 21st time in Test annals that a batsman has had the misfortune to record a 'pair' on his Test debut. Rutherford also becomes the sixth New Zealander to get a 'pair' on his first Test appearance.

The first two Kiwi debutants to suffer this fate 55 years ago created a remarkably quaint record by becoming in the first innings two of the victims in a hat-trick performed by a bowler who also was making his Test debut!

This happened in New Zealand's first-ever inaugural Test at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, in January 1930 against England, when fast-medium bowler Maurice James Carrick Allom took four wickets in five balls, including the hat-trick - two of his victims being Kenneth Cecil James and Frederick Theodore Badcock, both of whom went on to bag a 'pair' by scoring a 'duck' in the second innings also, but this time falling a victim to two other bowlers.

Sixteen years later, two more Kiwi batsmen bagged a debut 'pair' in the same Test. Charles Gordon Rowe and Leonard Arthur Butterfield failed to score in both innings of the Wellington Test against Australia in March 1946. Both debutants were claimed in both innings by the great Bill O'Reilly. Rowe was bowled both times and Butterfield was trapped leg-before both times! Ah, cricket, cruel cricket!

In the 1978 series in England the Kiwi fast bowler Brendon Paul Bracewell was caught at the wicket in the first innings off Bob Willis and in the second innings he failed to score before Geoff Miller bowled him. This was in Brendon's debut Test at the Oval in July 1978.

Among the current crop of Kiwi players who have bagged a 'pair' in a Test are John Bracewell, Lance Cairns, Jeremy Coney, Bruce Edgar,

Ian Smith, and Gary Troup (a 'king pair', i.e. first ball dismissal in both innings, vs India at Wellington in 1980-81).

Other Kiwis who have got a Test 'pair' are Gary Bartlett, Henry Cave, Ian Colquhoun (a 'king pair' vs England at Auckland in 1954-55), John Cowie, Arthur Dick, Noel Harford, John Hayes, Terry Jarvis, Warren Lees, Tony MacGibbon, Lawrence Miller, Dick Motz, Matt Poore and Mike Shrimpton.

But the 'crown of thorns', as far as New Zealand is concerned, goes to the unfortunate Bob Blair who was dismissed for a 'pair' thrice in his Test career.

Two Indians have had the mortification of being dismissed for a 'pair' on their Test debut - G.S. Ramchand vs England (Leeds) 1952 and Maninder Singh vs Pakistan (Karachi) 1982-83.

Legspin maestro Bhagwat Chandrasekhar holds the record for being the only one in Test history to be dismissed for a 'pair' four times, one of them being a 'king pair' vs Australia (Melbourne) 1977-78. Bishan Singh Bedi has suffered this fate thrice, whilst Mohinder Amarnath has bagged a 'pair' twice.

Sixteen other Indians who have bagged a Test 'pair' are Roger Binny, Ramakant Desai, Dilip Doshi, Farokh Engineer, Gadkari, Vijay Hazare, Jai-



Maninder Singh...the second Indian after G.S. Ramchand to be dismissed for a 'pair' on Test debut

simha, 'Nana' Joshi, Prasanna, Pankaj Roy, Dilip Sardesai, Surendranath, Naren Tamhane, Dilip Vengsarkar, Venkatraghavan and Yashpal Sharma.

Sri Lanka apart (none of their players has bagged a Test 'pair' yet), no Pakistani has been dismissed for a 'pair' on debut, though eleven players bagged a 'pair' later in a Test: M.E.Z. Ghazali, Imtiaz Ahmed, Iqbal Qasim, Javed Burki, Majid Khan, Mudassar Nazar, Nasimul Ghani, Salim Altaf, Sikander Bakht, Wasim Bari and Wazir Mohammad.

Among the 23 West Indians who have bagged a 'pair', only one of them suffered this ignominy on his Test debut: Alf Valentine vs England (Manchester) 1950.

Similarly, the list of 46 Australians who have bagged a 'pair', includes only one Aussie who did so on his first Test appearance: Mike Whitney vs England (Manchester) 1981.

The 36 Englishmen who have bagged a 'pair' sometime or the other in their Test career include three who failed to score in both innings of their first-ever Test: G.F. Grace vs Australia (The Oval) 1880, C.I.J. Smith vs West Indies (Bridgetown) 1934-35, and Graham Gooch vs Australia (Birmingham) 1975.

As many as eight South Africans among the 23 who bagged a Test 'pair' did so on debut: C.S. Wimble vs England (Cape Town) 1891-92, J.T. Willoughby vs England (Port Elizabeth) 1895-96, J.J. Kotze vs Australia (Johannesburg) 1902-03, P.S. F. Jones vs Australia (Cape Town) 1902-03, T.A. Ward vs Australia at Manchester in England during the 1912 Triangular series, P.T. Lewis vs England (Durban) 1913-14, C.D. Dixon vs England (Johannesburg) 1913-14, and C.N. McCarthy vs England (Durban) 1948-49.

T.A. Ward of South Africa (as above) is the only batsman in Test history to bag a 'king pair' on Test debut. One other Springbok also got a 'king pair' later in his Test career: C. Wesley vs England (Nottingham) 1960.

Without the evidence of a scorebook, it is difficult to trace all the 'king pairs' in Test annals. I have so far traced five as above: Chandrasekhar, Colquhoun, Troup, Ward and Wesley. Can any discerning and knowledgeable reader add (authentically) to this list? Mind you, only 'king pairs', i.e. batsmen dismissed by the FIRST BALL in both innings.



Richie Richardson



Name: Richard Benjamin Richardson
Nickname: Richie
Star sign: Capricorn
Birthdate: January 1, 1962
Height: 177 cm
Weight: 81 kg
Hair colour: Black
Marital status: Free, single and disengaged
Favourite dish: Seafood, particularly fresh fish
Favourite drink: Local ginger beer in Antigua
Favourite TV show: Good Times
Favourite newspaper: The Telegraph, London
Last book read: I don't get much time to read
Favourite music: Calypso, reggae and soul
Favourite holiday resort: None I never have time for a holiday
Favourite relaxation: Listening to music
Own car: Toyota
Favourite other sport: Soccer and basketball I played soccer in Antigua but I don't get a chance to play now.
Fears: Any serious injury which would prevent me from playing for the West Indies
Superstitions: I put my left shoe and left pad first, but its not a superstition, just a habit.
Favourite fielding position: The outfield, covers or mid-wicket, I only started fielding in the slips last year
Favourite ground: Antigua It's not Brisbane, even though I've had two good scores there this season — it was overcast both times
Luckiest break: Gus Logie's illness which allowed me back into the Test team to make my first Test century against Australia last year
Most memorable match: When I scored 154 in the Fourth Test in Antigua against Australia last year, in front of my home crowd
Biggest disappointment: I haven't had any
Worst injury: I haven't had any major injuries
Most promising teammate: Courtney Walsh
Countries played in: England, Australia, India
Most difficult bowler to face: Pakistan's leg spinner Abdul Qadir I faced him in Australia last season during the World Series
Favourite all-time player: Viv Richards
First team: Empire Cricket Club at age 16
Ambitions: My immediate ambition is to be a top-class cricketer, scoring a lot of runs for the West Indies



'I never admitted defeat'

DENNIS LILLEE, for so long the attacking spearhead of the Australian cricket team, has settled easily into retirement from the game to which he gave so much. Here the greatest-ever fast bowler talks about his career and cricket as it is today...



Dennis Lillee... "Getting as many wickets as possible for my team was all that entered my mind"

Q. Exactly how hard is it for you being away from cricket? What do you miss most and least?

A. So far I haven't missed being away from cricket at all. I must say, however, that I do miss the comradeship of a team sport. Least of all among the things I miss is the routine of keeping at a physical and mental peak.

Q. Do you feel you owe your family a debt of time at home?

A. Yes. I was conscious of that debt more and more as my cricket career advanced, and now I am conscious that I must repay it. I am certainly taking daily steps in that regard.

Q. Cricket set you up financially, but from what fields will you be drawing your income from now until pension day?

A. Cricket's exposure through advertisements has certainly given me a lot. However, I am by no means set up financially to the degree of self-sufficiency. As to the future fields of income, I really don't know the answer to that as yet.

Q. Do you have any interest in becoming an official, a coach or a commentator? Do you feel you owe the game anything?

A. No, I don't have any interest in being an official, a coach or a commentator - not at the moment, at any rate. Maybe never. As for owing the game something, everyone who has played our great game owes it something.

Q. How can the lot of first-class cricketers be further improved?

A. Certainly I think by a greater degree of communication between players and officials; and I believe that only a true Players' Association will ensure that.

Q. What attributes must a fast bowler have for success? What was your greatest asset?

A. Firstly, a great love for fast bowling, allied to toughness of character. You must also be a finely tuned athlete, have skill and determination and a never-say-die attitude. I consider my greatest asset was that I was never prepared to admit defeat right up to the last ball.

Q. If your wickets in World Series Cricket had been added to your Test wickets, your record would be well over 400. Do you feel bitter that WSC wickets will never be recognised?

A. I think they should be recognised, but it doesn't worry me that they aren't.

Q. Do you feel you would still be competitive and successful if you were called into the Australian Test team tomorrow?

A. Who knows?

Q. What gave you the greatest satisfaction during your career – the mateship, the fame and public adulation, or the personal achievements?

A. The mateship above all else – yes, definitely the mateship.

Q. What kept you going to overcome serious injury and after you had achieved everything the game can offer?

A. A great love for cricket.

Q. After a number of controversial incidents during your career, do you think you will be remembered as something of a 'bad boy' or Ned Kelly antihero rather than a pure sporting legend in the Bradman mould?

A. If I am remembered as someone who gave 100 per cent at all times, I don't care what else I am remembered for.

Q. Do you remember any particular spell you bowled during your career when you felt you couldn't possibly have bowled better? What seasons do you regard as your best?

A. No, I don't remember any particular spell that falls into that category. I was happy with every season except 1982-83 against England, when my knee stopped me.

Q. Many people say your psychological dominance of batsmen gained you many wickets regardless of the merit of the delivery. Do you agree?

A. Yes, I am sure it did play a large part in my success.

Q. Some cricket journalists are in your 'black book' despite the fact that they must all have written thousands of words in your praise during your career, at least as a bowler if not a man. To you, when is criticism justified and when is it not?

A. I realise that cricket journalists have a job to do, but some of them unfortunately use their position to vent personal feelings rather than to report in an unbiased fashion.

Q. Why has Western Australia failed to produce one fast bowler of note since you first broke into big cricket, particularly as you must have been an inspiration for thousands of young West Australians to bowl fast?

A. I suppose the kids affected during the 70s and early 80s are probably about 15 to 20 years old right now and are in the starting blocks.

Q. When you saw Australia's capitulation to the West Indies in the First Test in Perth, did you feel sympathy for former team mates, or embarrassment for obvious deficiencies?

A. I saw a great side beating a team which had lost three very experienced players, and only time and experience will rectify that.

Q. Who is the best young cricketer in Australia today?

A. If ever I have seen a potentially great emerge in Shield Cricket, there is no one so obvious as young Craig McDermott.

Q. During your career there were a number of batsmen that appeared so totally under your spell that they were regarded as your 'bunnies'. Did you enjoy their subjugation, or was it just part of your job as a fast bowler?

A. Getting as many wickets as possible for my team was all that entered my mind.

Q. What years were the most enjoyable for you as an Australian player?

A. I loved all the years, especially the excitement of the World Series Cricket years.

Q. The Ian Chappell era was known for its mateship and team spirit. Did you feel this weakening during your last seasons, and if so,

did it lessen your appetite for the game?

A. No, I didn't particularly notice any weakening of mateship and team spirit. Any lessening or appetite was due to overexposure to cricket and years of playing full time.

Q. Does the current Australian team need a few players with fire in their bellies, such as Lillee, Marsh and I. Chappell?

A. I am sure the current players have all that.

Q. Would you have liked to play South Africa in a full Test series, particularly in the early 70s when they had such a magnificent team?

A. Yes, dearly.

Q. Do you feel your personality clash with Kim Hughes in the latter part of your career hampered his development as captain?

A. It had no relevance to his ability or lack of ability to captain a team.

Courtesy: Australian Cricket



Dennis Lillee... "If I am remembered as someone who gave 100 per cent at all times, I don't care what else I am remembered for"

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FROM DOWN UNDER

NSW's thrilling win

By Kersi Meher-Homji

CALL ME vainglorious or a crushing bore but I am going to brag. And why not?

Every team I supported in 1984-85 turned an instant winner.

Both NSW and Australia walloped the mighty West Indies at Sydney. And India won all the matches and the World Championship of Cricket with elan reserved for the invincibles.

To cap it all, my state NSW won both the McDonald's Cup (a limited-overs inter-state tournament) and the coveted Sheffield Shield.

It was NSW's first such double-triumph, their first win in limited-overs championships and their 38th Shield victory in 93 years.

NSW has won the shield most times, followed by Victoria 24 times, South Australia 12 and Western Australia nine. Queensland and Tasmania have not been successful.

The Sheffield Shield was inaugurated in 1892-93 but due to the World Wars there was no competition from 1915 to 1919 and from 1940 to 1946.

This season's grand final against Queensland at Sydney was a real nail-biter. NSW won by the narrowest of margins, by one wicket on the final day.

Queensland had performed brilliantly during the entire season and were determined to win the shield for the first time ever. Led by the Aus-

tralian captain Allan Border, Queensland scored 374 runs. Allrounder Trevor Hohns hit a century and Border 64 after NSW speedsters Imran Khan and Dave Gilbert had made early breakthroughs.

NSW started strongly with a 98-run opening partnership between John Dyson (66) and Steve Smith (76). Then there was a mid-innings collapse before rescue came in shape of a tall 19-year-old Steve Waugh who timed the ball to perfection to score 71. NSW totalled 318 (Jeff Thompson 3 for 83, Carl Rackemann 2 for 80 and John Maguire 3 for 90) to trail Queensland by 56 runs.

But this advantage was frittered away as Queensland lost their opening batsmen for 3-both to Imran.

The fourth day provided gripping suspense, Queensland all out for 163, Imran grabbing 5 for 34 and left-arm spinner Murray Bennett 4 for 32. Needing 220 to win, NSW lost 3 for 64.

The final day was a cliff-hanger. NSW needing 156 runs and Queensland seven wickets for a win.

NSW skipper Dirk Wellham was bowled by Thomson for 39 and soon NSW were 5 for 100.

The most consistent batsman of the season Peter Clifford and Imran took the score to 140 when the latter played an irresponsible pull shot. Soon after NSW became 8 for 175 and the

Queensland scribes were drafting stories headlined as "We've done it at last!"

The giant fast bowler Carl Rackemann was on the kill and even the partisan Sydney crowd gave NSW little chance. But Clifford, 25, thought differently. He batted with total calm and commonsense, adding 34 runs for the ninth wicket with Bob Holland.

Then the new ball was taken and Holland was dismissed by the first delivery. At the "eleventh" hour came number 11 batsmen Dave Gilbert with 11 runs still needed for victory.

Having taken a hat-trick a fortnight ago, Gilbert now became a batting hero, scoring 8 not out, smacking a four off Rackemann to give NSW an emotional victory.

And emotional is right. "Mum, I feel sick," is what Gilbert, 24, told his mother after the match. "I thought I was carrying the world on my shoulders." For a tail-ender, he had a healthy batting average of 80. The reason, he remained not out 12 times out of 13.

"That was the biggest thing ever to happen to me," said a beaming Peter Clifford, whose 83 not out made NSW's win possible. He had also scored the most runs this Sheffield Shield season, 889 runs at 55.56.

Bob Simpson, the NSW coach and former Test captain, found it hard to contain his excitement and said it was the most emotional moment he had experienced at a cricket match.

A few metres away, the Queensland giant Rackemann cried unashamedly. He had bowled magnificently to take 6 for 54 in 30.2 overs (and 8 for 134 in the match), yet Queensland failed to win. "It's like being hit in the guts," he said amid tears.

Allan Border was generous in defeat by describing the final as "the best game of cricket I've played this summer."

The attendance of 26,842 for five days is not much. But so poorly are Sheffield Shield matches attended that it was the biggest crowd figure in a shield match at the Sydney Cricket Ground since 1964-65.

When Fred Bennett, the chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, presented the shield awards, he said "the match had brought cricket back to life." By this he implied that cricket in Australia had been dying from an over-dose of one-day matches.



Carl Rackemann was on the kill



The Bombay Miracle



Bombay's captain Sandeep Patil and mainstay Ravi hold aloft the Ranji Trophy they won by beating Delhi in the final

THE 1984-85 season of the National Cricket Championship for the Ranji Trophy commenced with a match between Hyderabad and Tamil Nadu at Hyderabad from November 13-15, 1984 and ended with the final between the reigning champions for the previous season, Bombay and the runners-up Delhi from April 1-6, 1985.

The champions, Bombay who entered the final on 33rd occasion, retained the title defeating Delhi by 90 runs to win the Ranji Trophy for the 30th time—126 times outright and four times on first innings lead.

Altogether 46 zonal matches on league basis and nine knock-out matches—making a total of 55—were played during the season, out of which only 20 matches, played on 3-day league basis, were decisive and the rest of the 26 fixtures ended in draws. Out of nine knock-out games, six were decisive while the remaining three games finished indecisively. In other words, 29 out of 55 fixtures, were drawn and in only 26 games, could either side achieve a result.

Bombay raised the highest total of

the season by compiling 548 in the semi-final against Tamil Nadu at Bombay, whereas Jammu and Kashmir in their encounter against Punjab at Chandigarh were dismissed for the lowest total of the season of 70 and 80 in their first and second innings respectively.

Andhra enforced the follow on upon Kerala at Vijayawada and won the match by an innings and 50 runs while Uttar Pradesh enforced the follow-on on two occasions—first on

Highest

Madhya Pradesh at Kanpur and later on the Railways at Moradabad, and on both these occasions defeated their opponents handsomely.

Ghulam Parkar of Bombay aggregated the highest of 660 runs in seven matches at the average of 55.00 per innings. Only six batsmen (Ghulam Parkar, Sandeep Patil and Lalchand Rajput of Bombay, V. Sivaramakrishnan of Tamil Nadu, Padam Shastri of Rajasthan and Bhaskar Pillai of Delhi) could cross the coveted mark of 500 runs in the season.

Shashikant Khandkar of Uttar Pradesh scored the highest of the season by piling up 261 not out against Railways at Moradabad, whereas V. Sivaramakrishnan, another opener from Tamil Nadu, earned the honour of scoring a maximum of three centuries during the season—100 not out against Kerala at Tellicherry, 108 not out against Bihar at Madras and 117 against Bombay at Bombay.

Mohammad Azharuddin of Hyderabad and Padam Shastri of Rajasthan distinguished themselves by hitting a century in both innings of a match. Azharuddin, in his only appearance for Hyderabad this season, scored 121 and 105 not out against Andhra at Machhalipatnam and Padam Shastri hit 159 and 101 not out against Railways at Kota.

Ravi Shastri created history with his knock of an unbeaten 200 against Baroda at Bombay. He hit all the six deliveries of the 10th over from Baroda's Tilak Raj for sixes at the Wankhede Stadium, thereby emulating the earlier record of hitting six sixes in an over by Garfield Sobers of Nottinghamshire who had done it off M.A.

Nash of Glamorgan at Swansea in 1968 in the County Cricket Championship of England

Shastri also created a world record of hitting the fastest double century by reaching 200 in only 113 minutes and off only 123 deliveries, thereby surpassing the earlier record 120 minutes set by G L Jessop of Gloucestershire against Sussex at Hove in 1903 in the County Cricket Championship in England

Shastri's 13 sixes in the knock are also a record number of sixes in first class cricket in India beating C K Nayudu's 11 sixes hit for Hindus against the visiting MCC side at Bombay in 1926

All the Vidarbha batsmen reached double figures in their encounter with Rajasthan at Akola while Ghulam Mohammad (twice) Parvez Qaiser and Zahoor Bhatt of Jammu and Kashmir A Sabnis of MP Rayeez of Kerala I Patham of Saurashtra and



Ghulam Parkar: highest aggregate of 660 runs in seven matches at an average of 55.00 per innings. LEFT: Ravi is congratulated for having claimed one more wicket

skipper M N Ravi Kumar of Andhra earned a pair of spectacles during the season. An interesting feature of the tournament was that although A Sabnis from Madhya Pradesh played all the four league matches for his team he could not open his account in any one of them

H Wasu of Vidharba was dismissed in a rare kind of dismissal obstructing the field in their match against Rajasthan at Akola

Skipper Madan Lal of Delhi has earned the distinction of bringing about the best bowling of the season when he dismissed as many as nine Jammu and Kashmir batsmen for only 50 runs at Delhi while the best match figures were achieved by Rajinder Goel of Haryana who captured seven wickets in each innings against Jammu and Kashmir at Rohtak to aggregate match figures of 14 for 74. Goel also finished with the most wickets to his credit during the season—39 captured at an average of 16.71 in six games for Haryana

Debutant Rajesh Yadav Test player Shivalal Yadav's brother com

menced his Ranji career with an outstanding performance with the ball. Not only did he capture seven wickets in his very first match for Hyderabad but he went on to claim as many as 11 wickets while conceding 127 runs in his very first match for Hyderabad against Andhra at Machhalipatnam

The outstanding fielder was Shishir Hattangadi of Bombay who in seven matches held 13 catches and another Bombay player Chandrakant Pandit dismissed a maximum of 19 batsmen behind the stumps by catching 15 and stumping four in six matches for Bombay besides scoring 382 runs at the average of 42.44 with an unbeaten knock of 106 against Gujarat at Bombay

Like Rajesh Yadav N Hirwani of MP (five for 101 against Rajasthan at Bhilai) K Arun Kumar of Tamil Nadu (five for 59 against Kerala at Tellicherry) and H Surendra of Karnataka (five for 126 against Delhi at Bangalore) gave a good start to their career in the Ranji Trophy by capturing five or more wickets in their very first Ranji match

SUDHIR VAIDYA



RANJI TROPHY STATISTICS

Batsmen scoring 300 or more runs in the season

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100s	50's	0's
Ghulam Parkar (Bombay)	7	13	1	660	170*	55.00	1	4	—
L S Rajput (Bombay)	7	13		601	136	46.23	2	3	2
V Sivarimakrishnan (TN)	6	12	2	594	117	59.40	3	1	—
S M Patil (Bombay)	7	12	2	553	165	55.30	1	4	—
Pedam Shastri (Rajasthan)	4	6	1	524	159	104.80	2	3	
Bhaskar Pillai (Delhi)	6	9	2	518	149*	74.00	2	2	1
R Madhavan (TN)	6	11	2	494	153*	54.88	2	1	
G R Vishwanath (Karnataka)	6	11	2	491	136*	54.55	2		—
A Jabbar (TN)	6	10	1	464	143	54.88	1	2	1
B P Patel (Karnataka)	6	10	3	460	159	65.71	2	2	2
Suhail Ansari (MP)	4	8		459	200	57.37	1	2	
S S Hattangadi (Bombay)	7	12	2	458	83	45.80		5	
S S Khindkar (UP)	6	11	1	446	261*	44.60	1	1	
M R Srinivasaprasad (Karnataka)	6	12	1	461	166*	41.90	1	1	
C P S Chatterhan (Delhi)	6	10	1	140	115	48.88	1	4	—
Yusuf Ali Khan (UP)	6	11	1	411	122	41.10	1	2	
S M Gavaskar (Bombay)	4	7	3	399	106	99.75	1	3	
S Chaturvedi (UP)	6	11		391	182	35.54	1	2	3
B Mistry (Gujarat)	4	8		398	75	49.75		4	
C S Pandit (Bombay)	6	11	2	382	106*	42.44	1		
P Karkera (Railways)	5	10	1	382	81	42.44		3	
R Sapru (UP)	6	11	1	379	120	37.90	2		1
S Kalyani (Maharashtra)	4	8	1	377	103	53.85	1	4	
K Dubey (Orissa)	4	7	1	359	127	59.83	1	3	
N Chinn (Railways)	5	10		351	85*	35.10		2	
A Pandya (Saurashtra)	5	10		348	113	34.80	1	2	
K Jayaraman (Kerala)	1	8		348	75	43.50		4	
R Chaddha (Haryana)	6	9		343	83*	38.11		3	1
S Khanna (Delhi)	7	10		336	114	33.60	1	1	—
Amrit Kumar (Haryana)	6	9	2	331	100	47.28	1	1	1
A D Gokhale (Baroda)	3	6	1	329	108	65.80	2		—
R D Khanwilkar (Karnataka)	4	8	1	326	125*	46.57	1	1	
R J Shastri (Bombay)	2	3	1	305	200*	152.50	1	1	
H Gidwani (Bihar)	4	8	1	304	84	43.12		2	
C S Suresh Kumar (TN)	5	9	1	303	106	37.87	1	1	
Bhaskar Ghosh (Services)	1	6	1	359	151*	1.80	1	2	—

Bowlers capturing 20 or more wickets in the season

Rajinder Goel (Haryana)	39 wkts for 652 runs @ 16.71 in 6 matches
Raghuram Bhat (Karnataka)	36 wkts for 630 runs @ 17.50 in 6 matches
R S Hans (UP)	34 wkts for 471 runs @ 13.85 in 6 matches
Maninder Singh (Delhi)	31 wkts for 576 runs @ 18.58 in 6 matches
S Venkatraghavan (TN)	30 wkts for 632 runs @ 21.06 in 6 matches
Sarkar Talwar (Haryana)	29 wkts for 776 runs @ 26.75 in 6 matches
S Madan Lal (Delhi)	27 wkts for 288 runs @ 10.66 in 5 matches
K D Mokashi (Bombay)	26 wkts for 785 runs @ 30.19 in 6 matches
R R Kulkar (Bombay)	25 wkts for 663 runs @ 26.52 in 6 matches
Rudra Prasad Singh (UP)	25 wkts for 541 runs @ 21.64 in 6 matches
P Rathod (Karnataka)	23 wkts for 420 runs @ 18.26 in 6 matches
D V Pardeshi (Baroda)	21 wkts for 521 runs @ 24.80 in 4 matches
Gopal Sharma (UP)	21 wkts for 568 runs @ 20.04 in 5 matches
Ashok Patel (Saurashtra)	21 wkts for 410 runs @ 19.52 in 4 matches
T A Shekhar (TN)	20 wkts for 480 runs @ 24.00 in 6 matches

1st wicket	197*
2nd wicket	297
3rd wicket	241
4th wicket	265
5th wicket	161
6th wicket	240*
7th wicket	137
8th wicket	202
9th wicket	90

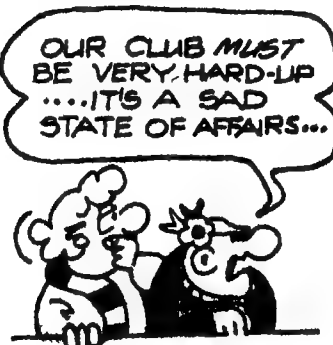
V Sivarimakrishnan and C S Suresh Kumar (TN) v Bihar at Madras
M R Srinivasaprasad and G R Vishwanath (Karnataka) v Kerala at Trivandrum
S Chaturvedi and R Sapru (UP) v Rajasthan at Jaipur
Amarjeet Kapur and Deepak Chopra (Punjab) v Services at Delhi
Arun Lal and R Shukla (Bengal) v Bihar at Calcutta
C Saldanha and R D Khanwilkar (Karnataka) v Orissa at Bangalore
Arshad Ayub and Fiteshamuddin (Hyderabad) v Karnataka at Hassan
R Jadhav and Hyder Ali (Railways) v Vidharba at Nagpur
K V S D Kamaraju and Jugal Kishore Ghis (Andhra) v Hyderabad at Mirchhapatnam



Madan Lal... the unlucky Delhi captain

FANatic

by Marcus





Moody Boycott a let-down

By Bob Taylor

IT WAS no secret that Geoff Boycott felt he should have been given the England captaincy once he ended his self imposed exile in 1977 and turned down Kerry Packer.

Yet Mike Brearley was far superior as a captain—a point underlined when he had to go home after breaking his arm on the tour of Pakistan and New Zealand in 1977/78 and Boycott the vice captain took over.

When we got to New Zealand it was clear that Boycott was wound up about



being captain as well as our best batsman. I think he took the responsibilities far too seriously and in my view his behaviour also left a lot to be desired.

During the Wellington debacle when we lost for the first time to New Zealand he was guilty of a bad piece of public relations in front of the England players and many spectators.

Richard Collinge had bowled him playing an uncharacteristically loose shot, and he walked back to the pavilion in a fury.

A schoolboy of about eight years of age chose the wrong time to ask for his autograph as he stalked back. Boycott pushed him aside and gave the boy a few well chosen words for good measure.

Of course the boy might have chosen a better time but there was no excuse for such behaviour from the England captain—although he later apologised.

In the next Test at Christchurch he again buckled under the responsibilities of captain. We just failed to make them follow on and I noticed some heads were starting to drop in the field.

I said to Boycott: Come on, keep going—just one more wicket to get and we've still got a good lead.

He fixed up at me and said: "I'm not going back behind the wicket

and leave it to me.

And I snapped back: Well, I'll sort myself then.

He didn't seem to realise that I was simply trying to get everyone up and encourage the captain.

Worse was to follow. When we needed quick runs in the second innings Boycott batted as if all the care of the world were on his shoulders. We sat seething in the dressing room.

Ian Botham said: Don't worry, I'll sort it out. And sure enough he did so when it was his turn to bat. He ran Boycott out quite blatantly and proceeded to smash some much needed runs.

Boycott came back to the dressing room in a fury, lay down, put a towel around his head and ignored us.

Phil Edmonds asked him if he should go in next to smash some quick runs and the captain of England replied: You can please yourself what you do.

It was left to Bob Willis, the vice captain, to sort out the rest of the batting order.

Gower's too casual for top job

DAVID GOWER has been an adornment to the England side ever since he came into it, but I am not sure that he is captaincy material.

Although he has a good cricket brain he is a fairly casual character.

On tour he often used to be late for nets, official functions or team dinners, and I think it will be difficult for this particular leopard to change his spots with responsibility thrust upon him. Only time will tell.

Basically he is too good a player to be distracted by the job, no matter how prestigious it might seem to him. Heaven knows we are short enough of class as it is.

I would hate to think that the captaincy would coincide with a continual decline in his batting—because David Gower at his best is one of the great sights in English cricket.

The following morning, Boycott had snapped out of his sulk but was very indecisive about a declaration and Kenny Barrington, our manager, had to talk him into it.

In the end magnificent bowling won us the game but the captain gets no credit for that from me. And no other player on that tour would have preferred him to Brearley.

Continuing the Derby and England wicketkeeper's hard hitting look at the international cricket scene

Why Mike's straight bat policy paid off



MIKE BREARLEY lost the crucial batting years—between 25 and 30—because he wanted to pursue his academic career, yet this awareness that there was more to life than cricket was one of his greatest strengths.

It wasn't that he didn't try as batsman or captain. It was simply that he brought a broad perspective to the game and wouldn't be dogged by suspicion or convention.

Mike would never be afraid to try things and his coolness was marvellous. And he has been the only captain to handle Boycott and Botham properly—Boycott through quiet cajolery and Botham through a mixture of leg-pulling and firm leadership.

It was strange that Brearley could handle characters like Boycott and Botham but could never come to terms with Phil Edmonds.

Mike would sometimes fly off the handle at Phil—even though a man of his intellect and psychological depth should have realised that Edmonds was just trying to rile him.

I suppose every man has his blind spots and Edmonds was certainly one of Mike's.

Next week: Bob on Botham and Willis

**IMRAN KHAN**

'I'm realistic and I enjoy every moment of my life'

By David D'Souza



India along with the West Indies is the best one day team today, but are not such hot shots in Test matches' said the 32 year old Imran Khan who was in Bombay on his way to Pakistan after playing for the Prasanna Benefit match in Bangalore.

Sitting for a hurried interview after a late lunch at the Cafe Royale of the Oberoi Towers

along with five friends Imran was reluctant to say anything controversial. "I've come to a lot of grief over what I've said in the past few years and the way things stand for me and Pakistan cricket in my country. I don't wish to aggravate matters."

Talking on cricket, he said that Pakistan had had things their way at Sharjah, "but we bungled it. We lacked team spirit as you might have seen to win. At Melbourne, we played well, but we simply did not seem to get going. I guess India were lucky not to have us as one team. In fact, like our fans back home, I too wanted to scream and yell when we played badly against India in Sharjah and Melbourne," he said.

Imran Khan, the playboy of cricket has signed a contract to play for Sussex the coming season. He arrived in India after playing for New South Wales, Australia, where they had a thrilling win over Queensland in the inter state tournament for the McDonald's Cup (limited overs) and the Sheffield Shield, and Imran, the contracted speedster of NSW had a big hand to play in NSW's thrilling one wicket win in the final.

"Pakistan has good talent but we still have to marshal them, said Imran, who was sitting relaxed on a couch in brown cords and striped red tee-shirt. "But our cricket structure has to be changed. That is a must. But my voice is not big enough as I have realised in the past. "I don't want to say anything against our Board, but I think it is high time some drastic changes take place for the sake of Pakistani cricket. We have been getting a lot of kick of late



Photo: Jagdish Chandra

"My first priority is to erase a lot of flaws which are very visible in our Board"

and I think the Board would do well to have a look in into these matters "

My first priority in his context is to erase a lot of flaws which are very visible in our cricket. But it is wrong for me to condemn them. But I'm alone in this matter. Most of my colleagues are not in the position to be outspoken and the few that there are, are in the employ of the same institution that supports them," he continued.

"In India there is a lot of money in playing cricket. You get them by playing for your country and state, and by way of products, get benefit matches act in films, etc., but in Pakistan we don't make any money for the rainy day. Many people think that we make plenty to enjoy ourselves. No we don't. Asked what are his immediate plans, he said, "I want to play against West Indies on their own soil, before I decide to quit. I think they are the best, and they are a somebody with whom I would like to play with great joy."

"We play against Sri Lanka in a 3 test series soon, but I wish I had more competition, especially tests. Since I was out of test cricket for nearly 2 years, I want to play more of that. No, I don't think I lost my speed, but my rhythm has certainly been faulty. With a little more test matches I will be myself once more. About Kapil, "he is



not a good allrounder, maybe he was some years ago but not now. I have been playing cricket for 14 long years, and when I do quit maybe a month year or two years from now I would like to go out fighting not in the true sense of the word of course."

Imran is pretty philosophical about life and women, the latter playing a controversial role in his life. "I am pretty liberal and when I'm not playing cricket I like to have fun. I think women should be given a big role to play in today's world. As far as life is concerned I take it as it comes. I don't expect much out of it because when I did, I was let down horribly. Now I just roll with the punch and enjoy every moment of it. I don't look in the future. I just go through my life season after season. I'm a realistic guy."

Asked when he is likely to get married, he said "Not yet. I still have to squeeze a lot of pleasures from life. And I don't want to comment on the filmstars that I have been linked with."

Asked whether Bombay has been hospitable to him, he said "Bombay is dying. I think the city has seen better days. The government has given up the city, I think," he said, laughing. "I like Delhi better. It has culture, tradition and of course, it is clean. Very unlike your city. Bombay is on the decline."



A super-duper treat

THE two Prassana testimonial one-day cricket matches at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore provided exactly what the bumper crowd wanted—a super-duper treat. In fact they got an overdose of it with four hectic centuries (three of them on the second day) studded with sixes and fours galore.

There was a crowd of 40,000 on the first day and 45,000 on the second—an excellent response indeed for one of all-time greats of the game. When asked on the eve of the match what he expected from the crowd, Pras said: "Let me be frank. I feel that I have done my best for the game and there should be a sort of equation where I get the best too for my benefit matches as well." The equation was just right.

Exactly 500 runs were scored in the first match (both were 40-overs-a-side encounters) with Rest hitting 248 for eight and the Indian XI winning with a tally of 252 for four as Ravi Shastri stole the thunder with a superb 120 which had 17 fours and four sixers.

Mohsin Khan, warming up late, scored 61 (six fours and two sixes) for the Rest and after two delightful knocks from Sri Lankans Roy Dias (42 with seven fours) and Arjun



E.A.S. Prasanna

Runatunge for whom former Australian skipper Richie Benaud has high praise, G.R. Viswanath shoed all his old mastery with a top score of 66 not out with 14 fours and a six.

But everything paled into insignificance once Ravi Shastri stepped on the scene. He came up with amazing flicks off his toes sending the ball speeding to the fence and struck four huge sixes in his century. And Azharuddin, easily the most popular

cricketer of the lot, made his customary 40 plus.

Sunday was a rip-roaring day with the bowlers tossing 'em up and the batsmen simply running amock. The crowd enjoyed every moment as 72 boundaries were struck in all and the ball flew right over the boundary on as many as 40 occasions.

The start was quiet as the Indian XI put in to bat were off to a 'Test match beginning' and lost Sadanand Vishwanath early. Vishwa, had earlier been struck on the back of his head while ducking to an Imran delivery which did not rise as high as he expected.

Gaekwad fell to Ratnayake who had hit the headlines this season with his fiery pace bowling in the World Championship of Cricket in Australia where he broke a couple of teeth belonging to Larry Gomes of the West Indies.

Then the fireworks began with Azharuddin and Vengsarkar lashing out. He got 18 fours and seven sixes in rapid succession in his unbeaten 153 while Vengsarkar got 50.

In came Kapil and if one had not seen his knock against Zimbabwe in the Prudential Cup they saw his magnificent power as he hammered a century in 33 minutes off only 33 balls. Ten sixes came off his bat and he had five fours.

• The Rest batsmen were determined to continue the fireworks and Mohsin Khan, after a quiet beginning, went berserk cracking 11 fours and seven sixes—three in one over from Sivaramakrishnan—in his 100.

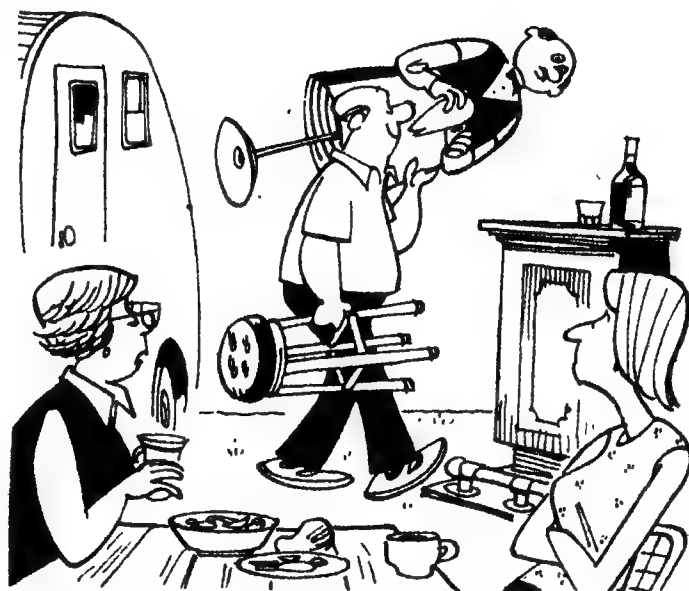
Duleep Mendis (78 with 10 fours) and five sixes kept the scoreboard rattling, but it was Imran Khan who provided the delightful dessert for the batting feast.

The first two overs saw him offer a dead bat—and then he cut loose. He faced just 44 balls for his 79, hitting six fours and seven sixes, two of them clean out of the ground, being tremendous hits. Inbetween there was a brief 36 by Syed Kirmani who got three sixes and the Rest won easily.

What a great benefit match it was. The most heartening feature of it all was that when India is having strained relationships with both Pakistan and Sri Lanka, cricketers from those countries have come all the way to play here in excellent spirit. Long live the glorious game of cricket.

R. ARVINDAM

THE SPORTING LIFE



SOME HUSBANDS LIKE TO FISH WHEN THEY GO CAMPING. OTHERS LIKE TO SWIM, AND A FEW LIKE TO HIKE... THEN THERE'S MY HAROLD...

By Frank Wright

"I never thought I had any real chance"

Hárold's incredible sprint

AT 3 p.m. on July 7, 1924, six runners stepped on to the track at the Colombes Stadium in Paris for the second semi-final of the Olympic 100 metres.

Among the runners who lined up for the second semi-final of the shortest of all track events was a stocky white-clad Englishman, Harold Abrahams, the man who was considered to have no chance of winning a medal. He himself had gone to Paris with the feeling that his hopes were very limited.

Yet on the previous day he had surprised everyone by winning his second round heat in a time of 10.6 seconds to equal the Olympic record, and here he was in the semi-final.

At last the gun barked and the six runners leapt into their stride—at least five of them did. The other, Harold Abrahams, was left badly. Into the lead went Charles Paddock, the reigning Olympic champion and world record holder for the event. It looked like a runaway victory for the famous American.

Then the Englishman picked up his

stride and with the crowd roaring him on he gradually drew level with Paddock and in a fantastic finishing burst flung himself forward to breast the tape first.

EQUALLED RECORD

His time was 10.6 seconds to equal the Olympic record for the second time in less than 24 hours and reach the final.

But there are no medals for semi-final victors. There was still the final to come and Abrahams was experienced enough to know that Paddock and his three American team-mates, all of whom would line up for the race that mattered, would prove far sterner opposition in the final.

It seemed unlikely that Paddock would allow himself to be beaten a second time in one day, especially by a comparatively unknown Englishman. But if the reigning Olympic sprint champion did lose his title, the man to take it from him would probably be Jackson Scholz, the young American who had romped away with the first of the Olympic semi-finals.

Abrahams had plenty to occupy his mind as he left the Colombes track to await the most important race of his career. Any psychological uplift he might have received from his semi-final victory and the fact that he had twice equalled the Olympic record for 100 metres was tempered by the thought that no British runner—no European in fact—has ever won an Olympic 100 metres title.

Americans had taken the gold medals in five of the six Olympics comprising the modern Games. With four of their representatives in the 1924 final it seemed that only a miracle could prevent them making it six sprint gold medals in six Games.

SIGHTSEEING

The final was timed for around 7 p.m., that evening, which meant that Abrahams had four hours to recover from his semi-final victory, four hours to recharge his physical batteries, four hours to prepare his mental approach to the next vital test.

Four hours is a long time when the tension is mounting with every second and those 240 minutes between semi-final and final could have been sheer torture for the 24-year-old ex-Cambridge University athlete. Fortunately his coach, Sam Mussabini, realised only too well the effect of the mental strain of that long wait. He decided to take an unusual course.

He chartered a taxi and he and Abrahams spent most of the four hours driving around Paris, sightseeing in the sunshine.

It was a strange way to prepare for a race of such importance, but Mussabini knew that to keep Abraham's mind off the final was sound sense.

When they returned to the Colombes Stadium, Abrahams was entirely relaxed mentally and a few minutes loosening up quickly dispelled all effects of that drive round the streets.

The temperature had dropped considerably since the sweltering heat of the afternoon when the six contestants for the 100 metres final were called to



It seemed a strange way to prepare for a race.



By Ken Rosewall

It's time for discipline

B RITAIN GAVE tennis to the world through the commercial acumen of Major Walter Clopton Wingfield in patenting Sphairistike in the 1870s. That name did not last long but the game it specified did and from then onwards it spread across the world.

Since then the British have given birth to many new valuable factors of the game including the International Clubs network, the Lawn Tennis writers Association which was copied in many other countries, and the Umpires Association again copied all round the world.

The latter was recently taken under the wing of the British Lawn Tennis Association unlike the rest of the world they have kept that word 'Lawn' alive and made it more of a professional group. This included the appointment of Bob Jenkins, an internationally known umpire as Grading and Training Officer of the British Tennis Umpires Association, the name that replaced the old association.

A forceful and enterprising man, he does not suffer fools lightly and his forthright relations between some of the members and the association set up a lot of ill feeling.

This reached its climax when he arrived at his office on January 4 there

to be told to clear his desk by lunch time and to get out. He had been sacked by the LTA.

This dismissal arose from a special general meeting of the BTUA. But many members felt unhappy about this because brusque or not, he possessed considerable drive and was never frightened of straight from the shoulder talking.



Jimmy Connors once again involved in a disgusting episode

He then discovered after the Davis Cup final in which Jimmy Connors and John

McEnroe behaved so badly that the United States Tennis Association President made several public apologies for their behaviour. Since then the USTA have drawn up a contract for US team members are now required to sign. McEnroe and Connors have shown no willingness to concur.

Meanwhile Jenkins has thrown in a minor bomb by blaming the referee and umpires at the final for poor handling. They were, you've guessed right, British. He said: 'The Connors business was a disgusting episode but the British handling of the Davis Cup did nothing to improve our standing among the world tennis officialdom. If I had been in office with the LTA I could certainly have had something to say.'

This contretemps is in reality a condemnation of the weakness of the Mens International Professionals Tennis Council, the real governors of the world game. They have bent their knees to the megasponsors who in turn bow humbly to the stars who pull in the crowds, especially those that turn up hopeful of brawling rather than pure high quality tennis.

I do not know the ins and outs of the Jenkins affair. I do know that court behaviour nowadays may well destroy the game.

SENSATIONS OF SPORT

the start. The huge crowd that backed the Stadium buzzed with excitement as the world's fastest sprinters took up their lines.

Five of them were all new to the Americans and Harold Abrahams. The sixth was easily distinguishable dressed all in black, the New Zealander Arthur Porritt.

The crowd hushed to a vibrating murmur as the six men took their marks. The starters 'Get set' sounded clearly in the near silence, the start bark of the starter's gun echoed up into the stands and the race was on for the 1924 Olympics sprint title.

The six runners leapt into full stride as one man and at 25 metres there was still not an inch between them. Powerfully built Charley Paddock was running beautifully, so was Jackson Scholz.

But Harold Abrahams was up with them flanked on either side by the other two Americans, Loren Murchi-

n and Chester Bowman with Arthur Porritt finding along in lane six.

At the half distance, with the murmur of the crowd rising to a swelling thunder of sound, everyone expected Paddock to make his devastating burst to the tape.

IN FRONT

Paddock's burst was matched by Scholz and Porritt and Abrahams. For a split second they seemed to be together. Then one man was seen to be gaining on the others, a white-clad runner with the Union Jack emblem on his chest.

Over those last few desperate yards it was Abrahams all the way.

With head thrust forward, arms flung back like a swooping bird, he flung himself at the tape. Less than a stride behind him was Scholz, with

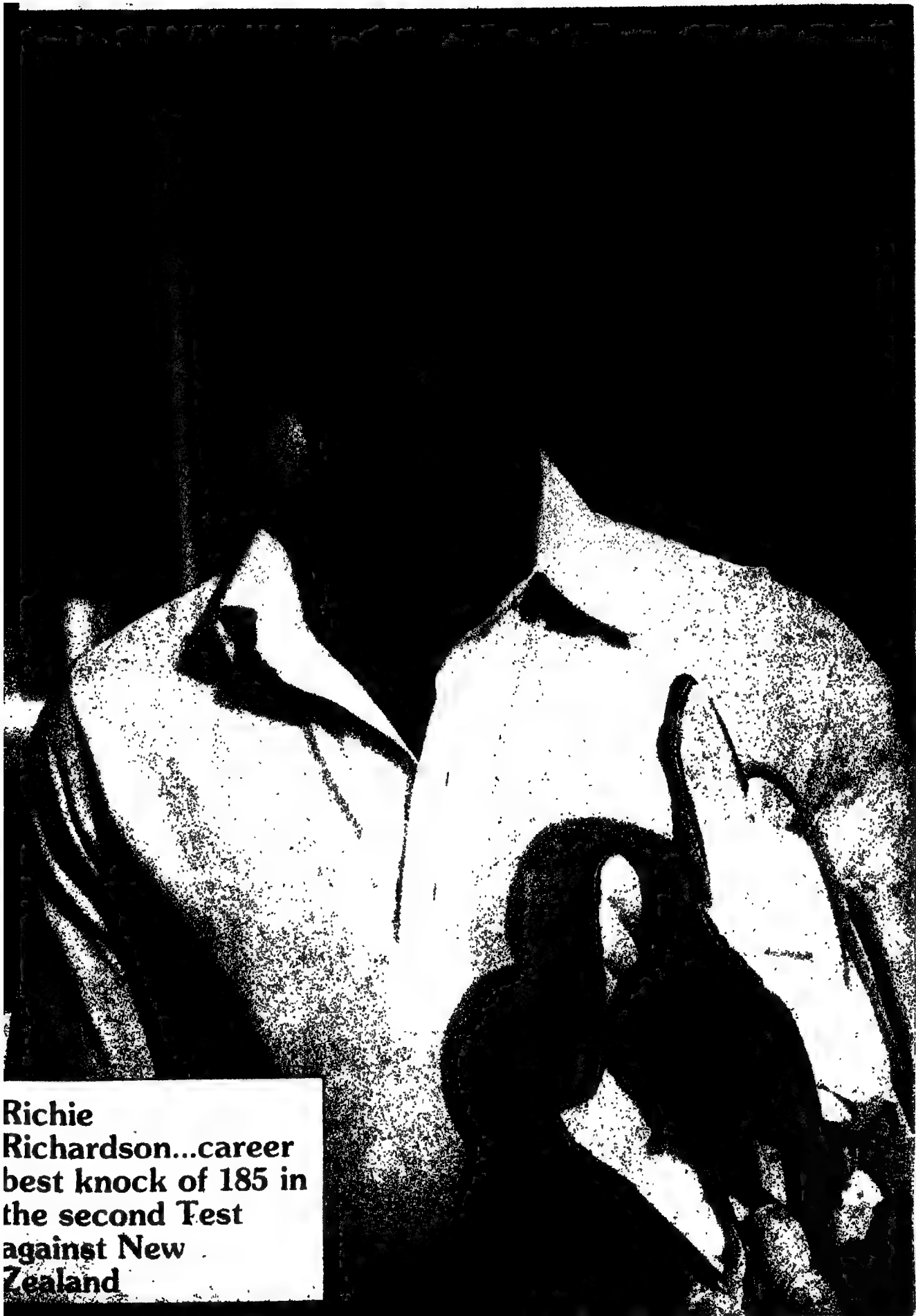
New Zealander Arthur Porritt in third place.

Harold Abrahams had become the first British runner, the first European to win an Olympic gold medal over the 100 metres sprint course. Abrahams had achieved the impossible.

Years later he wrote: 'Until 24 hours before the final I never thought I had any real chance of defeating the four Americans.'

It is not an overstatement to say that Harold Abrahams' victory in Paris was sensational. He won in a time of 10.6 seconds, his third record equalling performance in two days and that in itself was remarkable.

Even today only one other European has ever won an Olympic 100 metres sprint title - in 1960 when Armin Hary (W. Germany) was the gold medalist.



**Richie
Richardson...career
best knock of 185 in
the second Test
against New
Zealand**









"What a game of cricket"

By Shankar Abhyankar

CRICKET is an unpredictable game, and it is even more so in one-day encounters. One simply cannot predict the outcome till the last ball is bowled. That was what exactly happened when Essex and Middlesex battled at Lord's, Saturday July 23 1983 for the Benson and Hedges Cup Final.

The competition had provided many thrilling and memorable moments, but what happened on that fateful Saturday was simply unforgettable.

When Len Owen, a Director of Benson and Hedges was asked at the press lunch on the eve of the match what he wished for, he replied: 'A great final'. What he witnessed the following day was something incredible, one of the greatest encounters in one day thrillers.

Barlow's dismissal brought Gattling to the wicket amidst tremendous applause

Two of the best sides in the county championship, Essex and Middlesex put sword to sword and the result was the oscillating thrill of a sensational match.

The morn of July 23, 1983 was rather misty and there was that fascinating and disappointing drizzle and therefore Fletcher, the Essex captain even after winning the toss took a long, deliberate pause, before asking Middlesex to bat on a damp wicket.

Lever who was back in the team after his surgery on a stomach abscess was not quick enough, but it was Neil Foster who bowled extremely well and was successful in swinging the ball dangerously. His aggressive mood was immediately rewarded when Gooch took a brilliant catch to dismiss Slack. The one down man was Radley and he began quite confidently.



Neil Foster... bowled extremely well and was successful in swinging the ball dangerously

Foster was now bowling like a rampaging bull and in the tenth over he knocked down Barlow's middle stump with a beautiful inswinger. Barlow's dismissal brought Gattling to the wicket amidst tremendous applause.

Essex bowlers, swinging the ball, seam up, just short of a good length, frustrated Middlesex to the point of suffocation. At the end of the 29th over, the score stood at 72 for two.

Gattling was restless and he turned Gooch to the square-leg boundary, making a dash for three runs. But the third run was not there as Foster's accurate and fast throw came right on the top of the stumps and in a flash the exuberant David East broke the wicket to frustrate the desperately diving Mike Gattling.

Tomlins was out to the first delivery he faced - l.b.w. to Gooch - and Middlesex were in deep waters at four for 74. Turner bowled economically to concede only 24 runs off 11 overs. Now Embury anchored and Radley, playing the golden inning, started a thumping counter-attack.

"Embury was struggling to put bat to ball, but Radley soldiered on. Pushing here nudging there, crouching low and presenting an image of defiance."

Radley duly completed his century and was cheered immediately by the strong crowd. Unfortunately for Essex, Pont dropped Radley at 59. Embury left at 123, but Radley was successful in plundering 73 runs off the last eleven overs.

Even then, 196 off 55 overs was not only a meagre, but poor total. The Essex victory was confirmed before hand - but the Middlesex players were also no exception.

Graham Gooch's majestic stroke-play practically killed the enthusiasm of the Middlesex attack and his imperious innings was a grand contrivance to Radley's unbeaten 89.

At the other end, Brian Hardie was also in a punishing mood and all the loose stuff was immediately dispatched over the boundary line. Norman Cowans got a terrible thrashing in the second over when Gooch cracked him for three lovely fours.

After only ten overs, Essex were 71 without loss, and that was indeed a stunning performance. At 79 Gooch departed in his endeavour to repeat his majestic drive and was caught behind. Now Mike Gattling, the Middlesex captain was ready for a psychological war and tried every strategy to put maximum pressure on the Essex batsmen.

Essex were untroubled and practically riding high at 113 for one off 25.

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Graham Gooch... cracked Cowans for three lovely fours

overs and at tea, champagne was ready in the Essex dressing room. Obviously, nobody was interested in soft beverages.

The first turning point came after tea when McEwan and Fletcher fell in quick succession. Fletcher's dismissal caused panic in the Essex dressing room. Even the pundits were not worried, because Essex needed only 61 runs of 23 overs with seven wickets standing.

"Now William bowled a bouncer which Pont took on the side of the helmet. Evidently the impact pressed a helmet stud into his temple and stunned. Pont recoiled and dropped his bat. In doing so, he dislodged the off ball and was out, hit wicket. Essex needed 46 from 17 overs with six wickets remaining."

Hardie, unnecessarily calmed down, scored only 15 runs off 16 overs after tea. It was impossible to score against Embury who gave only 17 runs in his full quota of 11 overs.

In desperation, Hardie made a wild stroke and was caught behind. After Gooch's dismissal Hardie scored 22 runs off 29 overs.

Essex five down 156.

Then came the most vital partnership for Essex. Turner and Pringle started stealing singles under the very nose of Mike Gatting. The Middlesex captain was also desperate, trying everything that came to his mind. They scored 24 runs in 9 overs.

Now Essex were only 17 runs short off their resounding victory over Middlesex with 30 balls and five wickets to spare. It looked exceedingly simple - at least on paper.

Pringle fell in the 52nd over and Essex need 12 of 23 balls.

"David East managed one and there was a wide, but Turner, who had chosen to survive Embury when he might have hit, now chose to hit at Cowans in the gathering gloom. He clouted him to deep mid on where John Carr, fielding as substitute for Williams, and acting as twelfth man through special dispensation as he had already represented Combined Universities in the tournament, took a fine catch."

But David East beautifully glanced Cowan's delivery and Essex were just seven runs away from victory. Next ball was a short pitched delivery and East tried to lift it over mid-wicket.

Mike Gatting jumped but got only his finger tips to it. But displaying amazing reflexes, Gatting whirled around, dived full length and took a magnificent catch.

Daniel, now to the horrors of his captain, bowled a wide and Essex



Gatting... had snatched a victory where none existed



Norman Cowans... came back in the attack to claim three wickets in his last four balls

needed five runs off eight deliveries. Daniel, however, amply compensated by dismissing Ray East and the whole stadium grew tense to witness the final over.

In came Norman Cowans, swinging his hands wildly, crushing the Lord's turf under his big shoes. Crossing the umpire up went his black arm and the red cherry was on its target.

That was a beautiful swinging yorker. With his first delivery of the final over Norman Cowans yoked Foster and Middlesex had achieved an incredible victory.

"Foster, for whom the game had held such rich promise earlier in the day, stood forlornly at the crease as the crowd swept onto the field."

Gatting, the master tactician had snatched victory where none existed. Cowans, ravaged by Gooch, had come back to take three wickets in his last four balls. Essex had many of their players on the verge of tears...

It was at 8.50 in the evening, Lord's became a shadow itself, but the spontaneous reaction was still echoing from the empty stand. "What a game of cricket!"



DIANA EDULJEE

'I want to give more to cricket'

By Sandhya Wani

ON a green lawn in England on a sunny summer day, when Englishmen first played cricket, they did not know that one day the game was going to be an international sport with high stakes involved. They would have been even more surprised—perhaps shocked to know that women have taken up the game.

Women's cricket is still young. Slowly and surely it is gaining recognition and respect. India has an official women's team since 1973. Young energetic Diana Eduljee is a member of this team since its inception.

Cricket has been an integral part of Diana's life since her childhood when she played with the children in her building. Every evening was spent with either a bat or a tennis ball in hand.

Long before Diana entered professional cricket, she lost four of her front teeth to the game. "A ball hit me hard on my face," she says, "and there was this large gap." That gap was filled. Diana got over the discomfiture to become the outstanding bowler in women's cricket, becoming the first to take 100 wickets in Tests.

Diana's parents have always encouraged her. Her elder sister, Behroze, was also a member of the Indian team. After school, Diana decided that she would concentrate on cricket. Her parents helped her along, without insisting that she should get a degree, like most parents would have done.

"I only wish that she would do more housework," says Mr. Eduljee with a naughty twinkle in his eye. Diana's mother vehemently disagrees. "I only want her to play and play more, and achieve more than she has already done." Mr. and Mrs. Eduljee are known and introduced everywhere as Diana Eduljee's parents, much to their joy.

The Indian victories at Melbourne and Sharjah have focussed attention

on our male oriented cricket policy, and has shown up the stark contrast in the kind of media coverage that each team receives.

Glamour, traditionally associated with women, is conspicuously absent from women's cricket. Diana is unperturbed by this difference. "Men's cricket is well established and has been around for so many years. Women have been playing only for the past decade or so," she says. "Besides, women have only two international matches a year. The media awareness is growing, and once we are established, all else will follow."

It is amazing that almost all our top male cricketers are doing so many ads, but no one has come forward with ad offers to our women cricketers. "I don't understand this myself," Diana says with a frown. "I even offered my services free to Energee, hoping that it would give a bit of publicity to our cricket, but they did not take it up. But even that will come," she adds with a confident smile.

A lot of scepticism is expressed, especially by men, about women playing cricket. Men feel that it makes

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'Sometimes, one marries for financial reasons or for security, I have neither of these problems'

By David D'Souza

GBAAA is slipping

WITH due respect to some committee members for whom I have high regard, a Mr. Whisper has been flitting around telling me that all is not well with the Greater Bombay Amateur Athletic Association

Unfortunately, this columnist cannot scorn these dull tidings, because his sources are impeccable and when you bend your good ear towards these tidings, you somehow wish you had nothing to do with the motely lot who have been running the GBAAA to the ground and who have been putting pelf before selfless service to the sport which they have vowed to uplift. athletics

There have been so many omissions and commissions on the part of GBAAA that to record it for posterity would not only insult the intelligence of the reader and the genuine fan of this sport, but would also occupy this column space.

Suffice it to say that GBAAA could do well to start thinking afresh on the lines of revamping their present organisational set-up.

Which reminds me to remind GBAAA that their elections which were to be held in October last year are still forthcoming.

These elections normally precede the athletic season in the city. This season, the meets were held and organised by the same people who have been doing so for so many years now.

Mr. Whisper also wags his finger at me and proclaims that the elections are steeply rigged to the mast, thank you, and if you want to get a foot in the GBAAA door, you've got to see that the foot is ably aided by the heads and torsos of paid voters.

And Mr. Whisper vehemently substantiates the allegation that some of the voters have no connection with athletics whatsoever.

Another point worth mentioning, in passing of course, is that the trials which have just concluded at Bombay's University Pavilion to select the state team for the Open Athletic meet to be held in Trivandrum next month were originally scheduled to be held in Pune.

But since the Bombay athletes, or

rather the GBAAA, could not find a sponsor to take them to Pune and back and pay for their lodging and boarding there, they had allegedly told the state body to postpone the trials by a week

Although this part of the episode is yet to be revealed we should not condemn it as gibberish and in the light GBAAA'S recent gamboling into the unknown, it could all be true.

BISWAJEET BHATACHARYA, the golden boy of Indian soccer has finally come to terms with himself in a manner which is simply dumb founding literally.

The striker, who perhaps styles himself as a glamour pin-up boy made a hash of a glorious chance to score into an open goal and to give India a head start in the first five minutes of the inconsequential match against lowly placed Thailand.

But no He had to dilly-dally and let the Thai keeper pluck the ball from his feet

Which somehow gives credence to the rumour that Biswajeet is being intensely persisted with although there are several better spearheads waiting in the wings.

Biswajeet plays in fits and starts. He has his ups and downs, but of recent times, he has had more downs than ups and it is only thanks to him that such is the case.

He has become too opportunistic and

relies heavily on the help and mastery of his teammates. Today's soccer is not so

Along with brains, there is need for tremendous amount of brawn and 'total soccer' is the name of the game today, and never mind if your knees and shins are sore after the match and your colours are worn off

And the shock of his unbelievably poor performance must have hit him so hard that he was removed to the hospital in an unconscious state, his voice having been lost too.

PASSING SHORT:

AND as this is being written, the 31st Bombay Gold Cup hockey tournament has just begun, and one fondly hopes that the Tata Sports Club gives Pakistan International Airlines a good run for their money.

PIA with enough national players in their side came two years ago, picked up the glittering Aga Khan trophy and flew away on silver wings to their roost across the border.

But now, Mahindra and Mahindra who had made them sweat in the semis that year, will be certainly wiser to their ply and if they don't, they've got Tatas as their second line of defence to thwart the PIA intention.

The Bombay House lads are in terrific form, and good luck to them.



women muscular and unfeminine. Even a Westerner, Joe Buzaglio of Gibraltar, feels that "it is okay for women to play tennis, but cricket...." Diana shrugs her slender shoulders at this and laughs. "If you see some of my team members, you wouldn't believe they could hold a bat let alone use it! And we don't do weight lifting to develop muscle. Though it would certainly strengthen our shoulders, if we did."

The neglect and step-motherly treatment meted out to women's cricket is best illustrated by the fact that till last year, women were paid nothing. They protested—played a match wearing black arm bands—and from this year they receive Rs. 300 for a three day match and Rs. 100 for a one day match. What measly figures compared to the millions that Gavaskar and his team make! "But it is a beginning", says Diana optimistically.

Diana works with Western Railway on their supervisory staff. For the past nine years, ever since she joined them, Diana has been trying to get them to form a women's team. A meeting with Madhavrao Scindia has finally resulted in the team being formed last month. So far, only

Diana has got a lot from cricket

Canara Bank patronises women's cricket, but soon other companies will come forward and give the game a much needed fillip.

Foreign tours always pose a major problem for the women's team. They enjoy none of the facilities that the men's team enjoys. They are not even given the usual \$500 that a traveller gets. Food abroad is problem since they usually have to make their own arrangements. Diana relates an incident that occurred in New Zealand.

"We asked for Indian food, but they were unable to arrange for it. So at our request, they provided us with the ingredients and stoves in the dressing rooms. The food was to be cooked and taken to the hotel rooms. When the girls had left for the hotel, and a few of us had remained behind and cooked the food, the chairman of the New Zealand Council stepped in. She refused to let us take the food to our rooms and even told the hotel not to allow it. Only after explaining and convincing the hotel authorities was this small problem solved.

"On the other hand, when the New Zealand team was here, they also wanted their own food. We went overboard as usual with our hospitality. They had their own



The most outstanding bowler in women's cricket

microwave ovens and were allowed to cook in their hotel rooms. We do not receive even a quarter of the hospitality that we give the visiting teams", Diana says angrily.

Marriage is not in any way a part of Diana's plans for the future, though cricket and more cricket certainly is. "Sometimes, one marries for financial reasons or for security," she believes.

"I have neither of these problems."

Diana wants to play as much as she can before she turns to the administrative side of the game. She has already requested schools to start girls' cricket, and even offered to coach them free of charge.

Diana Eduljee has got a lot from cricket, and she wants to give to the game all she has got from it, and more.



India grovel way down below

SW Correspondent

WHAT use all the camps initiated to weed out the weak and induct some of the best into the team? What use if those selected do not understand the basic groundwork needed for top competitive soccer?

It is not only a tremendous loss of financial security but also a loss of face for Indian soccer. The All India Football Federation should collectively hang their heads and cry for what they've done to soccer in the country.

Their past manipulations and the paucity of ideas, coupled with moronic stolidity to rely on coaches that have seen the best of days, have come home to roost.

The Pre World Cup Football Tournament matches that were played at the Yuva Bharati stadium in Calcutta last fortnight was a nightmare that could be well forgotten. But what purpose will it serve, if no one takes the cudgels against the selection of a team that is neither a new look or a sturdy one?

If no one raises a hue and cry over these issues, they will lie there to be reared up once more and the AIFF will once again have a free hand in muddling up the team selection.

In the first outing against lowly placed Indonesia, India played everything but soccer and the goal that Narendra Thapa scored in the wee moments of the game (the equaliser) was Godsend as it helped redeem our position to some lengths.

India had to win this match to qualify for the second round of the competition and the opposition were easy meat as was witnessed that day.

They did everything but punt the ball into the goal even when the opposition did all shoot into their own goal.

Combination, which is regarded as an important aspect of the game, was totally alien to the Indian team despite the fact that this team was playing their fourth match together.

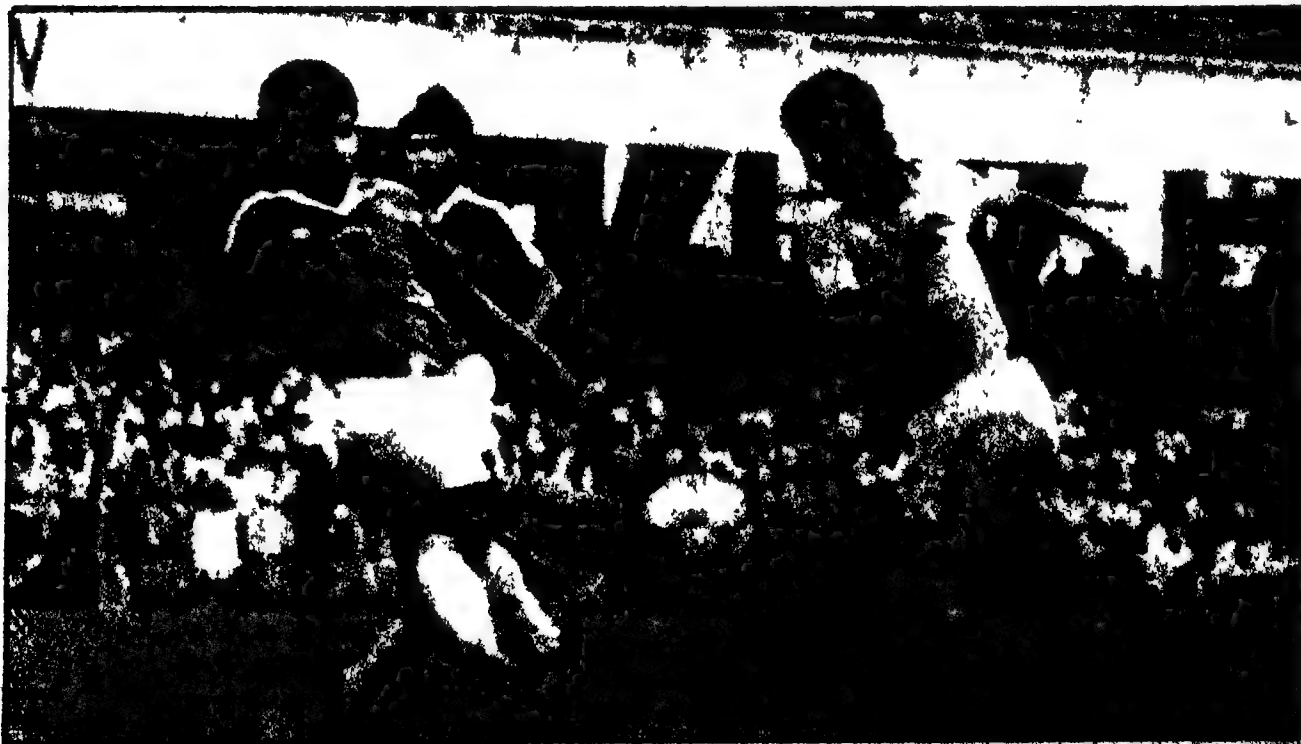
The extent of India's pressure

throughout this 11 drawn match against Indonesia can be gauged from the fact that they earned as many as 11 flag kicks in the whole match though all of them proved to be stupidly abortive.

There was an individualistic streak running through them and never once did they make a combined effort for a purposeful move.

The Indian half line comprising Bikash Panji, Mauncieo Alphonso and Biswajeet Bhattacharya was total failure and the traditional weakness of poor shooting made the conditions worse for the staunch 20,000 soccer lovers who sat livid in the rising summer heat.

Indonesia, who took the lead early in the first half through Dede Sulaiman, expectedly went into total defensive to strengthen their defence, and although the Indian changes came in the form of Camilo Gonsalves in place of Biswajeet and Babu Mani in place of the squanderer Sisir Ghosh, the



Narendra Thapa (right) about to shoot home the equaliser past Indonesian defender Aun Harhara



Biswajeet's attempt at a header is thwarted as the Indonesian 'keeper Hermansyah plucks the ball out of the air, off a Indonesian goalmouth melee

added sting did not bite.

Indonesia danced with joy after the referee blew the final whistle to signal the end of the match. India had given

them the victory on the platter, and they did not say 'no

Indonesia have now assumed position as the Group 3-B leader having

finished with a tally of nine points from six matches with four wins, one draw (India) and one loss (against Bangladesh).

They went in next to meet Thailand, and against this team too, a team that had already lost hopes along before the match, India played downright shoddy.

It was a repetition of the match against Indonesia in all aspects, even the score: 1-1 draw, India equalising late in the second session.

If the display against Indoasia was very poor, the Indian performance against the lowly-placed Thailand was pathetic

It was unbelievable to see Indian strikers Babu Mani on the right wing and Biswajeet Bhattacharya miff the easiest of chances from hand shaking distances with Thai goalkeeper Sompong at their mercy.

Although India dominated the proceedings throughout, they let in substitute striker Narasak Boongeang to shoot home past the diving Indian custodian Pratap Ghosh to take the lead.

There was joy on the field, because Thailand had resigned to their fate. This reverse, however, did not spur the Indian counterparts to produce the much-wanted face-saving-victory and the equaliser came through right stopper Tarun Dey who never visual-



Indonesian coach Alandi goods his boys during half-time



Pics: Santosh Ghosh

Derek Pereira (extreme right) heads into the Thai 'keeper's hands in a match which India drew 1-1 with Thailand

lived himself scoring a goal

Tarun Dey stood just above the opposition goal area during a flag kick in the dying minutes of the match and Mauricio's curling kick landed just near Tarun who dispatched the ball high into the net on a half volley

The most atrocious moment of the day was when Biswajeet shot out after going through the lone defender and the Thai goalkeeper. He held in head in his arm and the spectators howled in dismay. That was in the very sixth minute of the match. Several more bunglings were recorded by all the other strikers as the match progressed and veritably the sparse crowd yelled for blood.

Biswajeet after the match was taken to the hospital in an unconscious state and had reportedly lost his voice. It would be unkind to say this

but it was lucky he did not lose his senses after the performance he meted out against Thailand.

With these two draws on home soil India then met Bangladesh with five points from as many matches and the match against the neighbouring country was totally academic in every sense of the word.

India beat Bangladesh by the odd goal in three and they finished runners up to Indonesia, the victory being of little avail.

This was India's second victory over Bangladesh in Dhaka. India had beaten them by an identical margin.

Now what next is the obvious question on everybody's lips.

This correspondent has exhausted his expletives in trying to make AIFF see the light of the day. It is left completely to the head body of soccer

in the country to make some drastic changes in the system of team selection and coaching. Foreign coaches should be brought immediately, but most importantly they should be ones who will command respect, and not like the Yugoslavian coach Cinc Milovan, who did not have ample time on his hands to mould the team.

Well, actually it was not his fault that Indian soccer is in such a mess. There was interfering from all sides as to which player should be inducted into the team which should not.

And Cinc, after some time, began toeing the line because he felt it is useless to make the senior players see some sense, as it happened in Coching during the Nehru soccer International, when some of the senior players, yawned, humed and hawed, and some even slept through the session of talks. The Yugoslavian coach was giving



An epic contest

SW Correspondent

THE coming hockey chief will herald great achievements. That is the general expectation. May be it's wishful thinking. But success could be a reality if you go about it constructively.

M.A.M. is a magical name. One associated with big money. A big heart too where hockey is concerned. Will he be the man of destiny India is seeking to produce the success touch? Time will tell. But, as of today, the industrial magnate of Madras is tipped to take over the reins of the Indian Hockey Federation.

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy was sitting on the fence. Whether to stand for elections or not was the ticklish question. For him it was a case of once bitten twice shy. Personal prestige too was involved. But he learnt at Palghat that all wanted him back. He was pledged massive support. His initial qualms have been tidied over. He has started lobbying — nay, others are doing it for him. Twenty States out of 32 are expected to root for his comeback.

Will M.A.M. be the hero of the election episode? That is a question better left unanswered today. Because the queen bees are zooming for the honey pot. Aslam Sher Khan is flying high these days. He is a former India captain zealous enough to become an M.P. close to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. He is the dark horse. His close association with hockey as an illustrious player and sports observer makes him a candidate to be chary of. Ambition where he is concerned is unbounded.

"I have contacted many State bodies who have assured me support", he said telephonically. Though many write him off as a man talking big he seems quite confident. Who can really tell what may ultimately transpire? The men who will vote for the new president can all be influenced. They generally go with the wind. And Aslam who has recently won a political election certainly knows the tricks of the game. He is certainly a notable rival for M.A.M.

Rumours generally float around when an issue of this sort comes up. The latest is that A.I.C.S. chief, Mr. V.C. Shukla, is rooting for K.S. Dhillion. He is yet another high police official from Punjab who seeks to maintain the tradition of his predecessors who have been past I.H.F. presidents. The hockey world, though, is not so familiar with Dhillion. His contribution to



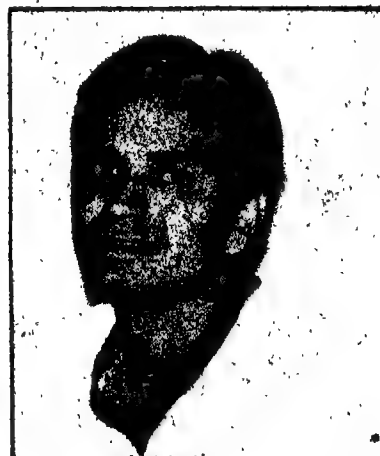
M.A.M. Ramaswamy... could be the ideal man to control the reins

the game has not been hot. I.H.F. vice-president Ravi Mehta too falls in the same category.

A five-man field it is to be. The elections have been fixed for May 10. One hopes, though, that Goa man, Mr. G.S. Vagle comes up with the accounts first. That could be the snag for the Bombay general body meet. That the I.H.F. has fixed a date indicates that all is clear. Conjectures and speculations are therefore running rampant not only about who will be the I.H.F. chief but also who will accompany him as secretary. Mr. K.L. Passi stated, "Twenty states have written to me to keep on as secretary" It is learnt that Mr. Passi is running with Dr. Ramaswamy who to all intents and purposes is the strongest contender for the prime post. The other candidates could only split the votes. Aslam Sher Khan will certainly be the ticklish kettle of fish.

M.A.M. has been a past president. He has done much for Indian hockey in his own way. He seeks no personal gains from the post. His primary desire is to help raise our hockey. At Palghat, he said, "Every one must strive to raise Indian hockey. We can be the best again". What better ideal for a man at the top could any one ask for? His considerable affluence too should certainly help to give our hockey the filip it needs.

Aslam Sher Khan, in this context too, offers much utility value. Indian sport has been known to suffer because government wheels grind slow-



Aslam Sher Khan... offers much utility value

ly. Aslam is close to where power is to get facilities for the game. He could certainly influence government sources to boost hockey. As he is already functioning in the Youth Congress for the promotion of sport another big office could be an extension of his activities. All said and done Aslam has the credentials. And when you analyse this post you will realise that the secretary generally does all the dirty work. The president comes in when deadlocks materialise. Aslam's connections in this respect could help considerably.

Letters are flying across the country concerning this issue. The importance of this contest could never be minimised. The headless body which the I.O.A. took over needs a guiding force. Dr. Ramaswamy could be the ideal man to control the reins. He had his share of success when India won the World Cup in 1975. That was our last notable hockey success notwithstanding our Olympic triumph at Moscow. A new leader could stem the rot which prevails in the I.H.F. today. The clean-up could help for a surge to go for titles so elusive to India today.

Dr. Ramaswamy and Aslam Sher Khan will be much in the news in the next few days. They are the central figures in what points to be an epic contest. The men who vote have a grave responsibility to discern for themselves. They must arrive at a vital question, "whether to opt for personal charm or to vote for the man who will raise Indian hockey"



INTER-CONTINENTAL CUP FOR WOMEN

Coach's statement smacks of excuses

By A Special Correspondent

THE spectre of failure dogs Indian hockey. Whether it be men or women one excursion after another ends in disaster. Indian women went to Buenos Aires with high hopes. They have come back deflated. No World Cup campaign for them now. They did not qualify.

The Inter-Continental Cup was an elimination contest for the Vancouver meet next year. A 0-2 defeat at the hands of Soviet Union was the first reverse. South Korea produced an unexpected setback when forcing India to a 1-1 draw. These two excursions virtually settled our fate. Whatever hopes India may have entertained about Soviet Union doing India a service by beating South

Korea did not materialise.

The Soviets opted for safety play against South Korea. They had nothing to lose if they were beaten. That was the obvious reason they rested their stars. Which canny coach would not? Obviously the point did not register with Satinderpal Walia. The Indian coach raised a big-hulabalee about a fixed match.

Indian coaches must be directed to keep their mouth shut. Diplomacy is no part of their overall make-up. Often their statements are excuses for failure. A classic case is Walia's outburst. To accuse the Soviet Union of conniving for a draw is ridiculous. Russia and South Korea have never been peas in a pod. The Indian

coach's allegations appear to be all hot air.

Had Walia been lequacious concerning India's defeat against the Soviet Union it would have been practical. Still better he should have commented on how we drew with South Korea. At the Asian Games in New Delhi three years ago, India whipped the Koreans 5-1. Would it affect Satinderpal's status as coach to say the Koreans have advanced while India have not? That is an important question. Our coaches and managers invariably project a devious image when we lose abroad.

To say India improved after early matches too is stupid. The latter fixtures were against Zimbabwe and Switzerland whom both Russia and Korea also routed. They were the weak teams in the group. Look back over the years and read India's past achievements. You will note that we project an image of rare strength against weaker sides. Kudos for our flair flew in. But what counts is not delightful play but incisive stuff to win matches. The Indian coach has not commented on this aspect. His statement on arrival in New Delhi too smacks of excuses. "We did not have some of our key players who had to undergo college examinations", he said. Better had he said, "we played our best but it was not good enough". That's what we want from coaches. Pick out the flaws and strong points.

The Indian coaches must be directed to keep their mouths shut

India must see defeat in its proper perspective. A constructive approach is the best. Nobody will blame a coach if the material he has is not good. For so many years now we have yet to arrive at successful penalty-corner hitters. Rajbeer Kaur was at one time a near prodigy—a prolific goal-getter with the incisive touch. India played beautifully in the Asian Games. We should have built up from that premise. But that has not been done. The Soviet Union was no better than us in the series played in India. Yet



Satinderpal Singh Walia... stupid comment to the international press

they have advanced to become favourites after their fine European Cup showing. The top player of the Buenos Aires contest was Natella Krasnikova whom we all saw here in India. She scored 18 goals. Was anybody from India so outstanding?

The Russians are strongly built. They have speed too. But even with these attributes India has always been a match for them. Why not now? What is the drawback? That is a point Satinderpal Walia must dwell on now. Manager Reena Mukherjee has been silent all through. Has it been so because her knowledge of hockey is limited? Let us not cast aspersions outside. Let us rather look to our own flaws to improve our image.

Arriving for competition just a day before is had planning. There is no use crying after the event. India went to Buenos Aires only one day prior to the contest. Other nations went much earlier. Coach Walia has pointed this late arrival as one of the reasons for India faring badly in the first two outings. He is perfectly justified in this case. The Sports Ministry must be made to realise the importance of a team being acclimatised especially when the environment is so different. Either a team goes early to play practice matches and watch other teams in action or just don't send a team. This must be the maxim for any future excursion abroad.

Penny wise and pound foolish is the Indian approach. If funds are to be spent to participate the success element should show for the expenditure. Especially when you have a team which can hold its own against others. Indian teams invariably leave in a rush. Coaches and managers know the drawbacks of this late departure. It is imperative to

The SAI must censure the coach for his inflammatory remarks. His job is not to pass censure over other nations. His task is essentially restricted to the performance of the team

highlight this flaw because our government bureaucracy never seem to understand certain essentials for participation abroad. You must get a feel of the pitch. You must watch teams training to know what to expect when you meet them.

Australia invariably goes to each participating venue early even if they have to bear their own costs. That is what has been giving them an advantage over most teams in recent years. Satinderpal's statement, "Some teams had arrived ten days prior to the start," shows how other nations consider the importance of acclimatisation.

Disparity of physical strength has been stressed. Indian women, they say, are not strong enough. That's a debatable statement. If you watch the Uttar Pradesh boys play you will see that they are all small built. But they hit the ball better than burly players. They time the ball perfectly thanks to dedication for perfection here. Their skill gives them an advantage over giants. So it is not size or great strength which makes much of a difference. Mohamed Naeem is the tiniest centre-forward in the world. Yet he is one of the best. So also is Mohamed Shahid. Just a couple of inches taller in size but small all the same. Can anyone say that he is not the best inside-left in the world today?

Strength has to be concentrated at the right spots. Muscle tone is what counts. Speed with the ball and the skill to make the right pass at the right moment is what is more important. If Indian women do not possess these attributes then it is a failure on the part of coaches and physical fitness experts to get them in that form.

No use crying over spilt milk. The Sports Authority of India has been blamed for the fitness aspect. "There was no day-to-day check up of players in the training camp," the Indian coach said. The SAI must dig deep into all aspects of this venture. They must be highly technical too. How many penalty corners were wasted. The number of chances not converted. Whether the rigid 532 system all through a match is feasible. And they must censure the coach for his inflammatory remarks. His job is not to pass censure over other nations. His task is essentially restricted to the performance of the team. If India failed he must show what kind of hockey our women played to finish with defeat.

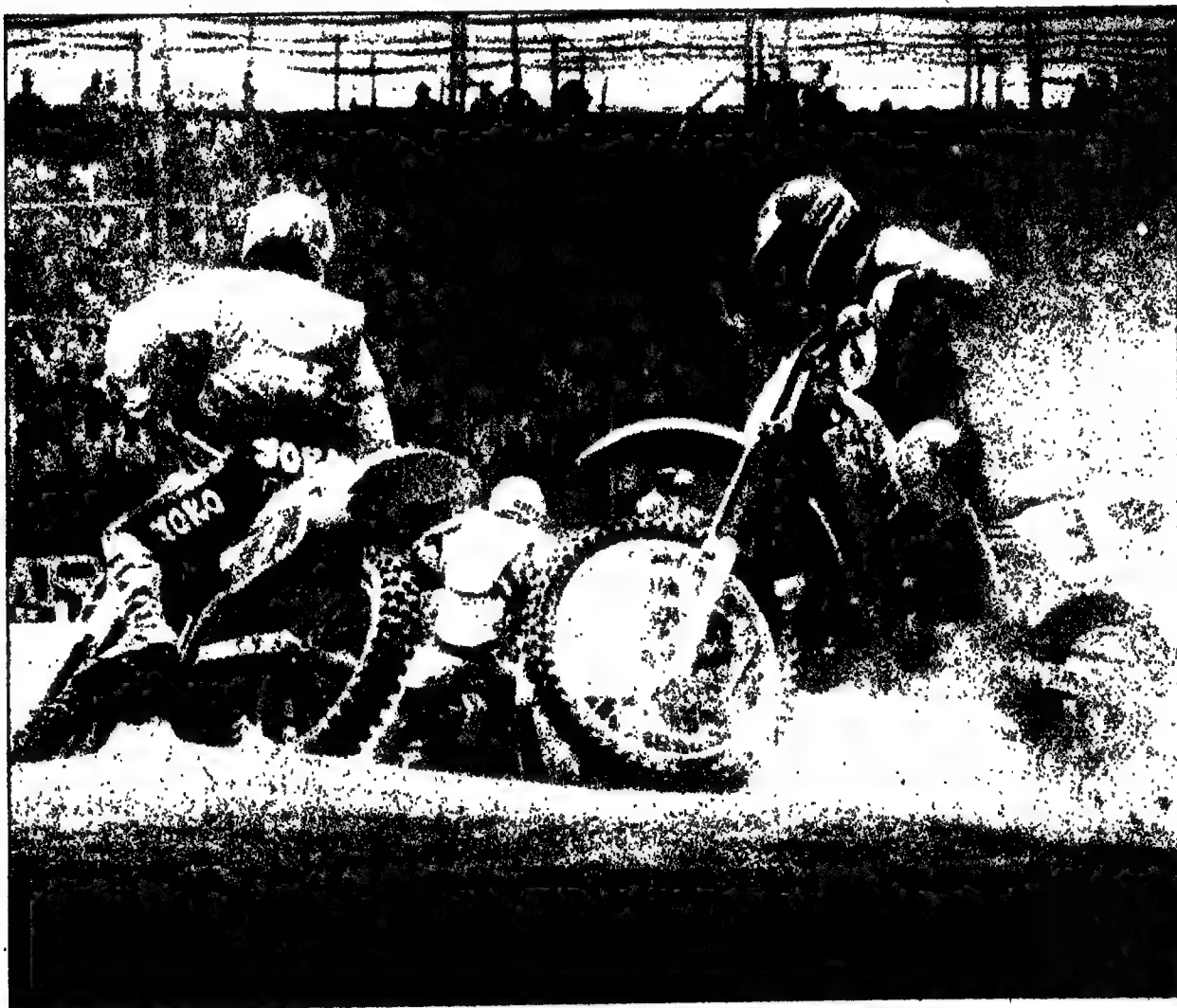
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by Marcus



A tough test for man and machine

By David D'Souza



Austin Clews (England) and Richard Stallard (Dubai) negotiating a turn. Richard and Austin were second and third respectively in the overall position in the Open Class

IT was a veritable test for man and machine. The man was garbed straight from the futuristic movies of the Mad Max genre, and the machine was tuned, souped-up and water-cooled to devilish efficiency.

The Seventh PARA and the Fourth Indian Moto Cross Grand Prix at the custom-built Nehru Stadium, Pune, which concluded last week could not have got a better crowd than the 45,000-plus spectators who came from Bombay and neighbouring towns in hordes. And the riders did

not fail to give them the thrill of their lifetime by showing off their very best.

The heat hung low over the sweltering mass of humanity and the dust flew by the ton. The tortuous circuit compounded the obstacles as the riders took the whoop-de-dooos, the camel-humps and the table tops in their stride... the very many of it.

It was life on the fast track on that Sunday as nearly 130 riders stood under the starting flag in seven events ranging from the Open class for foreign motor bikes to novice

challenge race.

And it was a wonder that the spills the riders had, did not prove fatal. The slow rider, or the toad, lay far back and gave way to those superspeed demons who emerged through the swirling dust with their front wheels in the air. The scene seemed frozen in the heat of the moment as the rider, a metallic creature on a metal live demon roared down the easy curve and took huge double-jump leaps high into the air to land more than 10 metres away, and the crowd roared



Craig Hacking rears his British Armstrong near the finish line. He came first in the Open Class event

for more

The pit was a banshee of deep throated rumble and high whining engines as the mechanics swarmed over the machines, and the riders, the grim outlining their eyes and necks, stood fidgeting by their mounts, straining to move out and onto the starting ramp

The Indian Moto Cross Grand Prix for Foreign machines was won by Craig Hacking, a strapping 19 year old from London, by the proverbial cat's whiskers.

Riding a British Armstrong 250 and pitted against two of his own countrymen and 14 other foreign participants, he drove down the ramp as the flag dropped, and started his

three motos

It was touch and go between another Englishman, Richard Stallard, who was riding under the Dubai flag, and Per Anders Nilsson of Sweden and till the 12th lap, the winner was anybody's guess. But Hacking was made of sterner stuff for at the bridge, he spurred abreast of the leading Stallard and at the huge double camel hump soared through the air, leading by a wheel and then went on increasing it through the 15 kms circuit, comprising 17 jumps, four bends, two curves and four normal whoop-de-dos.

Countrymate Austin Clews on another Armstrong snatched the second moto relegating Craig and Richard to the second and third

position respectively

The third moto was a deciding one and it could only go to either Richard or Craig, and by the looks of things, Craig was certain to be the winner

Craig did win, but the man who took the first spot in the last and deciding moto was Thomas Nordstrom the 'storm from the north' who proved that his standing of 20th in the world is nothing to be scoffed at

In the first moto his bike failed in the second lap, just after he had cleared the high curve and was in the lead. In the second moto, he spilled again, the loss making him strip his helmet off his head and violently throw it on the ground besides the sprawled water cooled Honda 250

In the third, however, he made the two incidents part of a bad dream as he led the field throughout, the pace constantly hot and as he neared the finish, he reared the front wheel, raised his hand and saluted the crowd who were on their feet, applauding the 'rider of the day'

Nordstrom credited his failure for not winning the title for lack of practice "I did not have enough of practice on this circuit," said the tough blond youngster "My bike came very late on Saturday and by the time I finished tinkering with the machine, there was no time to go out for a practice run. The heat too is bad, you know," he said

Thus the prestigious Cyrus Poonewalla Trophy went to Craig Hacking. This victory was also a strategic one for the Armstrong Works team, as this is their first international outing and the victory will certainly boost Armstrong m'bikes as a good opposition to the Japanese counterparts

Sashipal Singh Garcha said before his event—the Class 'D' for Indian bikes upto 265cc—that it would be easy meat. And easy meat it did prove to be for the four time winner from Chandigarh

India's first Moto Cross exponent conceded the lead for the first three laps to a Kolhapur mechanic Sampat Pandurang Koli, but that was as far as Koli could go, as Garcha's modified Jawa ate away the dust and the distance in a flash and finished first in both the motos

Garcha said after the event, "My bike is not very fast. In fact the other bikes in the field were faster than mine. However, I rely much on personal endurance and a calm mental aptitude. I knew from the beginning that I was going to win, and that positive attitude kept me going."

"I'm going to buy a foreign bike."

INDIAN MOTO CROSS GRAND PRIX... PUNE

preferably a Honda which could cost me over \$2,400 and I feel I must do the South East Asian circuit in October November this year. This international exposure will help me a lot," he said.

In this event, Sampat Pandurang Koli on his Yezdi and Mario Pereira also on a Yezdi came second and third.

(For the first time, this year, Garcha rode as a professional under the Poona Automotive Racing Association (PARA) banner, where his lodging, boarding and expenses to transport his bike are met, along with that of his mechanic.)

Rajesh Deshpande of Nasik with three points against his name won the 210cc Indian motorcycle class in which the second position was bagged by Rajiv Agarwal, who also participated in the 80cc class and emerged with flying colours there. Despite a bike problem which forced him to carry the vehicle for a part of the last lap in the first moto, Agarwal compensated for the misfortune in the second to displace Bijoo Mathews from the first spot.

Among the novices Rajesh Ghota Wadekar bagged the winner's trophy followed by Raju Yende and Shridhar Venugopal in the second and third position respectively.

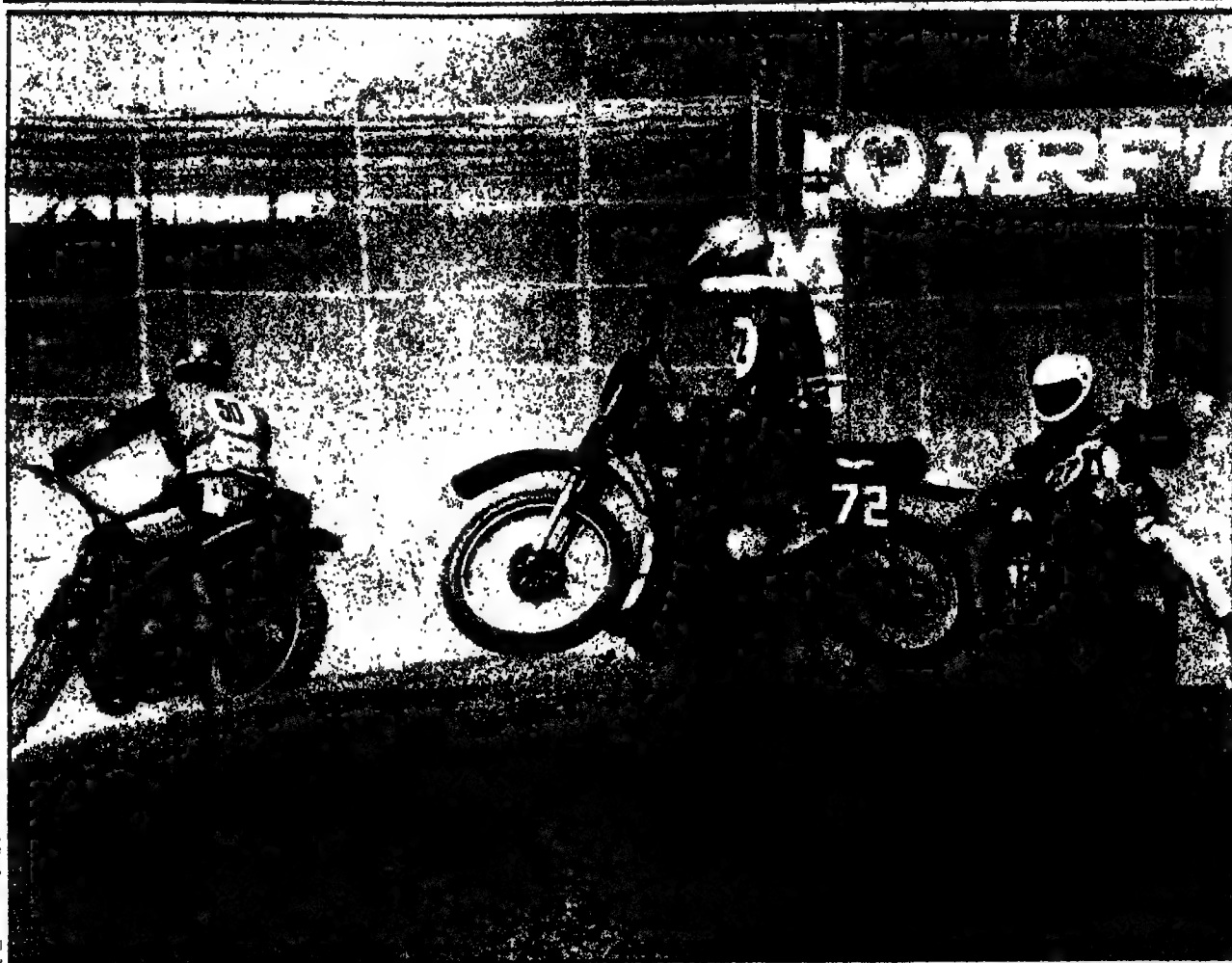
Suresh Chinchwad and Jeet Singh were the winners in the 185cc and 360cc class respectively.

For the first time, a demonstration event was held between three ladies: Rajshree Patkar (Pune), Nisha Sutana



Sashipal Singh Garcha India's best moto cross exponent and the winner for Indian bikes upto 300 cc BELOW The riders of the same class about to ascend a hump





PIC: S. Gopal Shetty

*The riders in the novice challenge race take the normal bend **BELOW**: Sanjay Dalvi, who had a spill in the Indian scooters and minibikes, is about to restart*

(of the vintage car fame) and Pratibha Tijoriwala both of Bombay.

Thus the fourth Indian Grand Prix event and the 7th PARA meet came to an end, but not before the spills and thrills provided the winners, losers and the spectators their share of tears and laughter.

An interesting incident took place in the open class, involving stuntman Salim Khan who makes use of his efforts in Hindi films. This youngster rode like a daredevil for half a circuit and then took a toss in the first lap. Which proves that celluloid show-jumping through glass walls and speeding through jungles does not count here. A race is thoroughly professional and rank outsiders or tryers at the game are simply not allowed.

THE announcer of the meet, who was also a commentator punctuated his commentary with crisp, sometimes comical statements. He could possibly be a racing commentator as his voice used to rise non-stop as fast as the action out there on the circuit and drop to the lowest decibel when not warranted.



And the only thing lacking in his continuous diatribe were phrases like 'the horse is holding on to the bit' and 'the horseflesh are on the home straight'.

At one point he announced that the two children that were listed as lost at the beginning of the meet, "are now found and they can be collected at the announcer's table."

THE crowd was alright to a certain extent and they were given their fill of thrills. But during the demonstration race wherein three young ladies and two very young boys took part, Nisha Sutaria of Bombay (who won the Vintage car and motorcycle fiesta in Bombay recently) was negotiating a curve and coming in towards the huge double-jump when a soft drink bottle came hurtling out of the Rs. 75-seat stands and missed her head by an inch.

One can well imagine the consequences of a girl who trying to concentrate on the tortuous circuit, negotiating the bump and the grind and swallowing the dryness and dust to complete the course getting a big thud on her head!

Jayantilal shines Down Under

IT WAS a pleasure meeting Kenia Jayantilal, the former Test opening batsmen when he was in Sydney with the Bombay Gymkhana team

A thorough gentleman and always smiling Jayanti is still so effortless when batting or fielding I was fortunate to see him score a breezy 50 on a sub standard pitch at the Sydney University

He recalled his proud moment when suddenly asked to play his critical first class match He arrived at the ground just on time and scored 153 He insisted that his brother was a better cricketer than he but did not get many opportunities

When in Sydney Jayanti was invited to play for an international cricket club Mike Fenton the founder of this club, gave me some fascinating information

The Refuge Bay Cricket Club (RBCC) was formed seven years ago by myself and some other soccer and rugby players as a bit of a joke But after a few years we have won a few leagues and are now one of the most respected clubs in the Manly area in Sydney

Jayantilal and myself became good friends when I toured India with the Australian Old Collegians He played against us in Palanpur (Rajasthan) and for the Bombay Gym in Bombay Jayanti bowled me for a duck in Bombay

The RBCC team is made up of players from Australia, England, India

Wales Sri Lanka New Zealand, South Africa Scotland and—would you believe—Switzerland China, the US Italy Greece and Brazil The club mascot is a German Shepherd dog!

"The match Jayanti played in was against the Manly Fisherman's Club We didn't inform them that we had signed on an ex Test player because they may have been a little over awed!

Jayanti went in first drop and started beautifully However, after knocking couple of fours he was caught behind for 10

"We two had a bet of a beer on whether I could beat his score After being dropped on nine, I went on to make 13 and won the beer from Jayanti He has been made an honorary member of the club and will be asked to play whenever he is in Australia" concluded the Yorkshire born Fenton

Daley's 'on right track' over drugs

DALEY THOMPSON'S claim of widespread drug taking by British athletes was supported last week by European Athletics president Sir Arthur Gold

Sir Arthur speaking at a Sports Council conference on Drug Abuse in Sport said Daley has said that up to 50 per cent of Britain's international athletes have taken drugs

'Paul Dickenson chairman of Br

tain's International Athletes" Club, has been reported as saying there were 6 per cent

'Sadly I believe it is somewhere between these two figures"

Sir Arthur pointed to the United States, where Thompson claimed 8 per cent of the athletes were on drugs as the root cause

'Much of it would stop if athletes were not having to keep up with the American Jones's he said

Sports Council chairman Dick Jeeps said It is time for more sport to declare themselves willing to fight this scourge"

He added We are determined to expand random testing in British sport

We don't want to take financial sanctions but we may have to if it is the only way to stamp out drug abuse"

Benefit match for Khasim Ali

MATCHES ORGANISED for the explicit benefit of an individual sportsman has gained great momentum in the past decade

Unfortunately barring an isolated case or two the beneficiary for the most part have been cricketers The main reason being that cricket is more organised in the country and also the concept of a testimonial or benefit match has been around for some time

Now, for the first time in the annals of Indian Table Tennis, a benefit match is being organised under the auspicious of the APTTA for India's finest T.T. player of yesteryear, Mir Khasim Ali

Mir Khasim Ali picked up the game at the tender age of twelve and in a career spanning a decade and a half rendered yeoman service to India.

Khasim Ali, who was awarded the Arjuna Award in 1969 won the National championship in '68-'69 and '69-'70.

A tournament to mark the occasion on an All India basis would be held at Hyderabad in April in which all the leading players of the country are participating

A souvenir brochure is being brought out to commemorate this event All donations towards this noble cause should be addressed to: The Organisers, Mir Khasim Ali T.T. Benefit Tournament, Y.M.C.A. Narayanaguda, Hyderabad.



The Refuge Bay Cricket Club team with a live German Shepherd dog—their mascot Jayantilal is standing extreme left.

Imran is the ace of Sussex

IMHRAN KHAN will be an ace up Sussex's sleeve in their bid for cricket's County Championship this summer.

Imran, the brilliant, 32-year-old Pakistan all-rounder, who missed last season with a stress fracture of the shin, has recovered his fitness and form in Australia.

And Sussex confirmed that he will play in all their one-day games next season—plus 10 of their 24 championship matches.

But chief coach Stewart Storey added: "We feel we have a good chance

of honours and although Imran has agreed to play in only 10 championship games he will also play in the run-in if we are challenging for the title

"We aim to play it carefully with Imran and treat him as the valuable asset he is"

But Sussex can only keep their fingers crossed about the future of Tony Pigott, the 26-year-old fast medium bowler

The next two months will be critical for Pigott who missed almost all last season with back and shin injuries

Sussex admitted at their annual

meeting last week that they blundered when Australians last visited Hove three years ago

The tourists found themselves up against a weak Sussex side on a poor pitch—but club president Alan Caffyn promised no repitment when the Aussies come to Hove for a four-day match on May 18

Punjab Haryana emerge supreme

PUNJAB and Haryana won the men's and women's title in the 6th National Circle Kabaddi championship at Chandigarh recently.

In a rather one-sided final Punjab men defeated Delhi 61-19 (half time score being 44-11)

Women's final too was a tame affair. Haryana women beat hosts Punjab 39-12 inspite of injuries to their top player, Sudesh Devi in the very first minute of the final match. The match was marred by rough tactics and bad supervision due to which Sudesh Devi got her leg fractured.

Punjab women questioned the decision of the umpire and also (wo)man-handled him. This left a bad taste, in so far as the final day's proceedings were concerned

Sri Lanka draw with Bangladesh

After their dismal show Down Under in the World Series Cup and then in the World Championship of cricket, Sri Lanka visited Bangladesh to play a three day unofficial Test Match (16-18 March) at the National Stadium, Dhaka.

Bangladesh batted first after winning the toss and were all out for a paltry 139. None of their batsmen, except skipper Gazi Ashraf Hussain Dipu who top scored with a labourious 39, stood the pace attack — comprising of A. De Mel, V. John and R. Ratnayake and the clever leg-spin of Somachandra DeSilva. The first three bowlers took two wickets each while DeSilva took four wickets.

At the end of the first day Sri Lanka were 76 for the loss of two wickets. They batted for the entire second day as their score reached 381 for 8 at stumps. Resuming at 76-2, Sri Lanka's overnight pair R. Madugalle and B. Kuruppu opted for quick runs.

After the departure of Kuruppu, Madugalle paired with A. Ranatunga, continued the onslaught and took the total of 177. Madugalle unfortunately missed the century and was out at 95.

Then came a solid 8th wicket partnership between Roy Dias and Ravi Ratnayake who put on 101 runs in 90 minutes. To the surprise of all Sri Lanka did not close their innings at the overnight score and batted for 35 minutes on the last day. They added a further 48 runs to take the lead upto 290 runs and declared the innings at 429 for 9.

Among the Bangladeshi bowlers Jahangir Shah Badshah claimed four wickets while Ashadujjaman, Ramchand, Nausad and Atahar shared the rest.

Once again a cautious but determined approach by the Bangladesh skipper Gazi Dipu and aged

Rakiful Hassan saved the hosts from the brink of defeat.

Veteran Rakiful joined his skipper Dipu and the pair put on 56 runs for the fifth wicket. Atahar and Badshah steered Bangladesh out of trouble by playing some sensible cricket in the dying moments of the match. Thus the match ended in a tame draw. Final Score: Bangladesh—139 and 152 for 6, Sri Lanka—429 declared.



S.K. Wankhede presents a silver plaque to Ravi Shastri as a token of appreciation for winning the Champion of Champions award in the B & H World Championship of Cricket at a function organised by the Karnataka Sporting Association.

Angry McEnroe serves another verbal volley

JOHN McENROE'S defences crumbled again in public when he was asked in Dallas about his private life

Debbie Summers, a young blonde trying to make a name for herself with a local radio station, asked McEnroe if he was now engaged in Tatum O'Neal, the actress daughter of Ryan O'Neal

"I will not answer questions like that," snapped the world's number one tennis player "I wish you'd leave the room"

So Miss Summers shrugged and talked about the subject with a friend who was standing alongside her McEnroe overheard the conversation and blew his top, adding a few four letter words

"I told you to stop talking about that subject," he shouted "You are a Go away You must be some sort of Leave the room"

The persistent Miss Summers asked "Why can't I ask about your private life? Why is it always about tennis? I want to know about other things"

Later millionaire McEnroe said he would play on for another four or five years "By then I won't be able to accept the demands on my private life or the non stop travel," he said

"Winning and being the number



John McEnroe will play on for another four or five years

one is far more important than the prize money Being paid so much is unbelievable to me It's given me a nice home in New York, for instance

"At the moment, I'm not bored by the game Winning is never boring It only becomes difficult when things are going badly

"I had all those usual dreams as a kid about being successful and most of them have come true No one can take away from me the fact that I'm the number one"

The 27 year old Wimbledon champion gives himself four more years at the top

Then he means to quit tennis, with

his health and sanity in tact and enough money in the bank to have made 12 years of triumphs and disasters, travel and hassle all worthwhile

He is not, he insisted, prepared to burn himself out — like Bjorn Borg Or lose his way — like Yannick Noah, the African born idol who became the first Frenchman for 37 years to win his home championship in 1983 and then, says McEnroe, "went mad"

McEnroe revealed his ambitions before beginning the defence of the 500,000 dollar World Championship of Tennis title They are

- ° To win Wimbledon three more times to beat Borg's five titles

- ° To play Davis Cup again for the United States without having to sign a good behaviour charter

- ° And to achieve the traditional Grand Slam of holding all four of the world's major championships in the same calendar year

"To my mind, I lost the Grand Slam last year when I lost the final of the French championship," he said "There is no point in doing it the devalued way — like Martin Navratilova — and just winning the four titles in a row"

PETER BLACKMAN

Jones bids for record in jackpot marathon

RAF Corporal State Jones will win a jackpot worth almost £100,000, if he sets another world record in the Mars London marathon on April 21

Jones, 29-year old airframe fitter from Newport, set a world best of 2 hrs 8 min 5 secs on his marathon debut in Chicago last year

And he earns his chance of Britain's biggest athletic bonanza because of the record £83,000 prize money on offer for the race, which will attract 22,100 runners

Race director Chris Brasher announced that a £41,660 bonus will go to both male and female winners, if they set world records. First prize will be £12,500, plus a further £8,330 for beating the existing course record.

As Jones competes for £33,333 for his Chicago performance will be £96,000.

Holmes to make a £3 m. return

LARRY HOMES is coming out of retirement for a £3,000,000 pay off—less than three weeks after quitting the ring

That is the carrot he and his advisers were considering, to take on undefeated world light heavyweight champion Michael Spinks, probably in Las Vegas

Holmes, 35, who said he was calling it a day after his ten round KO win against David Bey, will be a strong favourite to extend his record to 48 successive victories

For the champion, who has held the title for seven years will be at least two and a half stones heavier than Spinks, who has outclassed everyone in his division, chalking up a perfect 26-0 re-

cord with 18 KOs

Spinks the brother of former world heavyweight champion Leon accepts his underdog role, but thinks it is worth risking everything for a top pay day of £1,500,000

"I'm willing to take my chances even if the odds are against me," said Spinks "This is a once in a life time chance My career is about to come to an end I don't plan to fight too much more"

He said he aims to put on weight and build muscle on his lean 13st 8lb frame "I have to be able to hit hard and still have quick reflexes

"I know I'll be in a fight, and I don't intend to be where I can be hit all the time"

WEEKLY WHISPERS

Alarming loss of form

WORLD snooker champion **Steve Davis** went into solitary confinement at his Romford headquarters in an attempt to sort out his alarming loss of form.

The champion has just 11 days to work on his game before stepping out to defend his Embassy world title at Sheffield.



Steve Davis

For a man who has collected four titles and more than £130,000 in prize money this season, it can hardly be a crisis that he failed to retain his Benson and Hedges Irish Masters in the final event before Sheffield.

But the alarming fact is that the machine-like Davis has lost the winning habit since the turn of the year—and is even being quoted at world title instead of his usual odds-on price.

He made his usual consistent start to the season, winning three of the first four tournaments. But his 1985 record is decidedly scratchy by his high standards—just one title, the English Professional Championship, in seven attempts.

Davis put a brave face on it when he joked: "I'm making sure I don't peak too early for Sheffield. That is the only one that really matters at the end of the day."

It was Higgins who beat Davis in the final match of the Guinness World

Team Cup at Bournemouth recently and it was that man again in the semi-finals of the Irish Masters at the weekend with a 6-2 thrashing.

And just to add a bit more spice to the running feud between two men who openly admit to hating each other, they are seeded to meet again in the quarter-finals of the world championships.

An off-side decision!

At the age of 39, Arsenal's famous goal-keeper Pat Jennings has been told he's too old for First Division soccer.

It's a decision ruled off-side by some colleagues of the Northern Ireland star who recently made a record 109th appearance for his national team against Spain.

Whatever the wisdom of Arsenal boss Don Howe's decision, folk of Pat's age shouldn't necessarily dump their sports kit.

Stanley Matthews was playing soccer at 50. David Pritchard rode in the Grand National on Saturday at 49.

And Geoff Boycott is still playing cricket at 44. Dr W G Grace of course stayed at the crease in first-class cricket until he was almost 60.

He carried on playing in lesser

matches until 1914 and scored 69 not out at the age of 66.

Arnold Palmer is moving towards the same league—he is still golfing at 55.

Dr Leon Walkden, who has toured with the England rugby team, said:

"It is the ageing of the body which matters. I have seen some people finished at 40. Others are in perfect trim at 60."

The doctor himself is 62 and jogs for 45 minutes every day.

In the glamorous world of racing, driving competitors need stringent medicals every year after 45.

They are put under maximum strain while their heart beats are monitored.

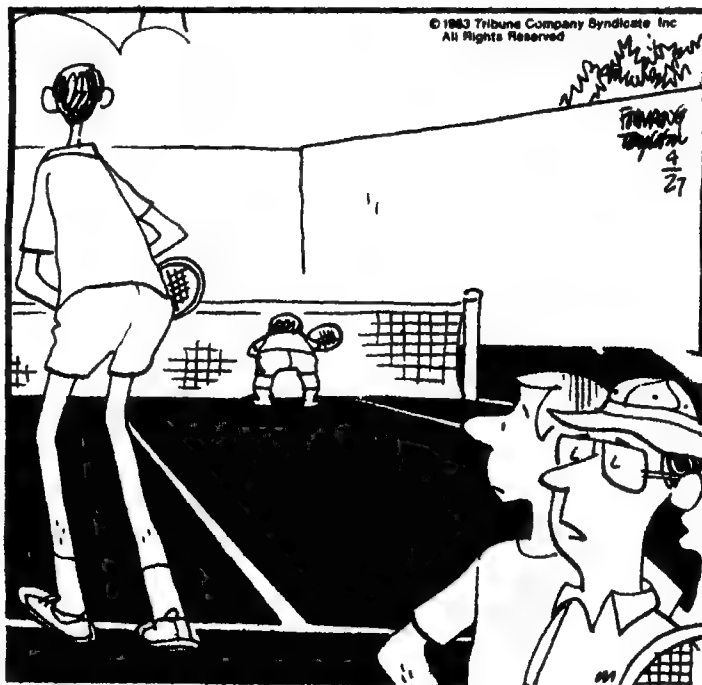
Athletic bonanza

GREAT names of the athletics world will be seen in action in Britain during July. It seems a big athletic bonanza is in store for the Britishers.

Carl Lewis, the American quadruple Olympic gold-medalist, is one of the leading star attractions.

They, who have paid £10,500,000 to televise British athletics for five seasons, have also announced the participation of Brazilian Joaquim Cruz and Tunisia's Said Auita—both gold medalists—

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RACING

By Railbird

A crowded season that was

NEVER BEFORE has there been as long and as crowded a Bombay Meeting as that which ended last week, never before have there been so many hurdles to surmount and never before have so many day-to-day problems arisen as was the case this time. It speaks volumes for the organisational ability of the RWITC, which is headed by the genial chairman, S C Jain, that things were run without a hitch although, of course, there was something to beef about.

There was a total of 38 race days during which 283 races were staged (one was declared void) and the remarkable fact is that the first 11 of these race days were held in Pune.

That decision was forced on the authorities because of the negligence, to say the least, of the Bombay municipal authorities. The municipal sewage disposal pumping station is next door to the Bombay stable area, which is below sea level. Because of certain construction work the pumps were not worked, nor were the sluice gates closed.

As a result, during high tide the stable area was swamped by incoming water which overflowed from the open drain which runs along the perimeter of the stable area. This was filthy, stinking sewage.

Several horses had already been brought from Pune and were stabled at Mahalaxmi. They had to be hurriedly taken back to Pune and as the stables were unfit for occupation and as much time would be required to render the stables habitable it was decided to start the Bombay meeting in Pune.

The races continued in Pune till mid-January when it was possible to transfer the activities to Bombay. Draining the stable area, cleaning it and turning up the soil which had absorbed much sewage was a herculean task which cost a pretty penny. Thus, for the first time since 1943 when the Indian Classics were introduced, the 1,000 Guineas and the 2,000 were staged in Pune.

The highlights of the season were the emergence of Revelation, a Grey Gaston-Monica filly, as the best four-year-old in the country, the massive sponsorship of the Indian Derby and the R.W.I.T.C. Invitational Cup, the further improvement in the riding technique of Shroff and Bhagwat, the rapid strides which young Ghatge and

Pereira, not excluding Bajrangsingh, made, the total absence of any major case of manipulation, the scrapping of a race because of a faulty start and an overall increase in the volume of betting, the main contributory factor to which was the increase of the betting unit to Rs 10 whatever it was Rs 5.

In fact because of the sponsorship of McDowells for the Derby Day and Herhertsons for Invitational Cup Day the stakes disbursed were an all-time record. Indeed, Mrs Zeenia S Lawyer, Mrs Bakhtawar B Chenoy, Maj P K Mehra and the estate of the late Mr N M Irani, who were the leading owners won as much as Rs 14,72,039, which a few decades ago was the total stakes for the whole season. That they were able to do because of Revelation, who won the Derby and Oaks. The sponsorship of the Invitation Cup enabled the owners of the winner, Camineto, the Khataus to be runners up with winnings of Rs 5,77,735. To a person of an older generation who is not conversant with today's trends such figures must appear to be magical.

In Pune, Eminence won the 1,000 with great authority and Eversun proved himself to be the best of the Western India colts by claiming the 2,000. Eminence was not herself when Bombay became the scene of the activities and she filled the role of runner-up to Revelation in both the Oaks and the Derby. Eversun did not race in Bombay.

Up to the Oaks day Revelation did not have much form to commend her chances. Indeed, although it was known that Eminence was not too sound and although she had not been given fast work on the track as her exercises were restricted to the swimming pool, Shroff, Bezan Chenoy's first jockey, opted to ride her in the Oaks and Kinane was astride Revelation. The latter won by the proverbial street. Shroff made no mistake in the Derby and Revelation scored a devastating success. The same people were involved in Enterprising's Derby success last year.

One month later Revelation, who was bred at the Usha Stud, proved herself to be the all-India Horse Of The Year by decisively beating the Calcutta triple crown winner, Robin Hood, on his home ground in the Charminar Challenge Indian Turf Invitational Cup.

Bezan Chenoy, however, was una-

ble to retain his title of champion trainer as he finished seven winners behind Imtiaz A Sait, who saddled 39 winners. Amongst the trainers with smaller establishments Ivor Fernandes, Jamshed Dalal and Noshir D Pandole did exceedingly well. There is no doubt that, by and large, today's trainers, as also the jockeys, are better educated than the older ones and are therefore able to learn more and faster and to keep abreast of current developments.

The rapid growth of the breeding industry had an adverse effect on the prices of youngstock. As more youngsters will be up for sale next year and as it is reasonable to suppose the number will increase from year to year a problem of large dimensions is fast developing. The sad fact is that ownership is not growing at the same pace and the basic law of supply and demand will further reduce bloodstock prices. Although most race clubs are not exactly affluent they are more than liberal with their loans to purchase bloodstock. However, the initial investment in the purchase of a horse does not seem to be the major obstacle. What is the increasing maintenance costs which, because horse racing, like everything else, is caught up in a price spiral will escalate further.

The way out of this situation is to make ownership broader based so that the burden is spread on more shoulders. The ridiculous stipulation that there cannot be more than four owners for one horse should be scrapped to make it limitless with the proviso that the first-named owner, that is the person whose colours the horse will carry, is the one who will assume full responsibility and will be the one answerable to the club. Again, no effort seems to have been made to encourage firms and establishments to own and race horses. If a small start can be made it will rapidly grow, for, in a sense, the ownership of a horse by a firm will be a form of advertising and such ownership can also be used to promote a particular product by naming the horse after the product. There is considerable scope in the direction and it should be followed up.

But we digress. Racing, if it is to generate greater enthusiasm must be for-

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QUESTION BOX

Q. What is the Test record of India's former wicketkeeper P Krishnamurthy?

M. Nayeem Durrani, Sirpur, Khagaz Nagar.

A Krishnamurthy has played 5 Tests, 6 innings 33 runs, 20 as highest at an average of 5.50. He has taken 7 catches and done 1 stumping.

Q. What is the date of birth of the following cricketers - Sivaramakrishnan, Rodney Marsh, and Jim Laker?

Nuruddin, Arun, A. Abbas and M. Peerbhoy

A The date of birth of the above mentioned cricketers are - L. Siva 31.12.1965, Rod Marsh 4.11.1947 and Jim Laker 9.2.1922.

Q. Is it true that West Indian Viv

Richards has scored 900 runs in a Test series?

K. Kirthy Vasan, Secunderabad.

A No Richards has not scored 900 runs in a Test series but had come very close to that when in 1976 he scored 829 runs in 4 Tests against England. His highest score in that series was 291 and he scored those runs at an average of 118.42 with 3 centuries.

Q. WHAT IS the highest individual score ever recorded in first class cricket in the world?

Ramchandra Borker, Margao, Goa.

A 499 by Hanif Mohammad for Karachi against Bahawalpur at Karachi in 1958. 59 is the highest score in first class cricket in the world.

Q. What is the Test record of Fazal Mahamood?

Bitto Arora, Shahadara.

A Fazal Mahamood has played 34 Tests, 987 runs, given away 3437 runs, and taken 139 wickets, at an average of 24.73. He has taken 5 wickets in an innings 13 times and 10 wickets in a match 4 times.

Q. Where and when did B.S. Chandrashekhhar make his Test debut and what was his performance in that Test?

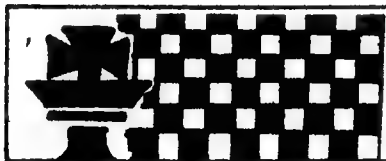
V.R. Ganesh, Palghat.

A B.S. Chandrashekhhar made his Test debut in 1964 against England in the 2nd Test at Bombay. He took 4-67 in the first innings and 1-40 in the second.

Q. How many Tests has Norman Cowans of England played and how many wickets has he taken?

Naresh, P. Bangalore.

A Cowans has played 18 Tests and has taken 49 wickets in Test cricket.



IN the 10 player British Irish Zonal GMs Nigel Short and Speelman topped with the score of 7 points out of 9 and qualified for the two places in the World Inter Zonal GM. Mestel was 3rd with 6 and GM Chandler and the Irish Champion Mc Nab followed, with 5 points.

In this game Chandler suffers an upset at the hands of the Irish Champion.

Chandler—McNab

1 e4, c5 2 Nf3, Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4, Nc6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qd2 Be7 8 0-0, 0-0 9 Nh3 a6 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 Be2, b5 12 Bh5 b4 13 Ne2 a5 14 Kb1, Qb6 15 h4 a4 16 Nbc1 Ne5 17 Qh6, Kh8 18 f4 Nc4 19 Nd4 e5 20 Nf5 Bxf5, 21 exf5 Na3ch! 22 bxa3, bxa3ch 23 Nb3 axb3 24 axb3 Qc5! 25 Rh3, Rf8 26 Rd2 a2ch 27 Ka1, e4! 28 c3 Bf8! 0-1

Sicilian, Richter Attack 6 Bg5

CHESS

By R.B. Sapre

9 a3) The current fashionable variation is 9 h6 10 Bxf6 Bxf6 11 Qxd6 Bxc3 12 bxc3 Qh4 13 g3 Qf6 or 13 f3 Rd8

11 Be2) Klovian Tukmakov USSR 1984 11 f4 b5 12 Kb1 Bd7 13 f5 Kh8 14 Ne2 Rg8 15 Nf4 Bf8 16 g3 Qe7 17 Bh3 1-0 35

11 b5) Kurs Dyebutov gives 11 Kh8 12 Bh5 Bd7 13 f4 b5 14 Kb1 Qb6 15 f5 with equal chances

13 a5) Black's attack is making more rapid progress than White's

20 Nf5) After 20 f5? exd4 21 Bg6 fxg6 22 fxg6 Rf7 23 gx7 Bb7 Black is well off in material and attack

22 bxa3) If 22 Ka1 Nxc2ch 23 Kb1 b3 24 Bg6 fxg6 25 fxg6, Rf7! 26 gx7, bxa2ch 27 Kxa2 (or Nxa2) Rb8 Black's attack is unmeetable. If 24 a3, (instead of Bg6) Nxa3ch 25 bxa3 Qf2! 26 Rhf1 Qc2ch 27 Ka1 b2ch wins

24 Qc5! Everything is now forced

27 e4! Improving the passing Bishop which unexpectedly delivers the final blow

28 c3) 28 Rg3 Rg8 does not solve White's problem

K. Murugan and S. Rengarajan were the joint winners with 8½ points of the 56 player, 10 round Tamil Nadu State Championship

Murugan—Ganesan

White Kg1 Qc2, N's c6 d4, Ps a2, b3, e3 f2 g3, h2

Black Kg8 Qa3, Bf6, Nd6, Ps a5, b4 d5, f7 g7 h6

Black has stalemated his own Queen. He now played 31 Ne4? and there followed 32 Ne7ch! Bxe7 (If 32 Kh8 33 Qc8ch and mates, if 32 Kf8 or Kh7 33 Nxd5 wins) 33 Nb5! trapping the Queen

IM Manuel Aaron (Indian Bank) scored 6 points out of 7 to win the 26 player Nationalised Banks Tournament of Southern Region

Aaron—Shashidar Rai

1 e4, e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 (Petrov's Defence) 3 d4, exd4 4 e5, Ne4 5 Qxd4, d5 6 exd6 ep, Nxd6 7 Bd3, Nc6 8 Qf4 Be7 (the book move is 8 g6) 9 0-0, Be6 10 Nc3, Qd7 11 Rd1, h6 12 Be3, g5? 13 Qa4, Bf6 14 Ne4!, Bg7 15 Nc5, Qc8 16 Nxb7!, Qxb7 17 Ba6, Qb8 18 Qxc6ch, Bd7 19 Qc5 1-0 (56)

END GAME

Last week's ending by A. Sarichev (1974) White Kd8, Rg6, Bh7, Ps a5, b3, c3, d2 Black Kb5, Rs a2, f5, Bb1, Pc5 Draw 1 Rd6, Rf1 (1 Rf8ch 2 Ke7, Rf1 3 Bg8!) 2 Bxb1, Rxb1 3 Rb6ch, Kxa5 4 Rb8, Rab2 (4 Rxd2ch 5 Kc7, c4 6 Kc6!) 5 Kc7, Rxb3 6 Ra8ch, Kb5 7 d3!, c4 8 d4!, R3b2 9 Ra7!, Rb3 10 Ra8, draw

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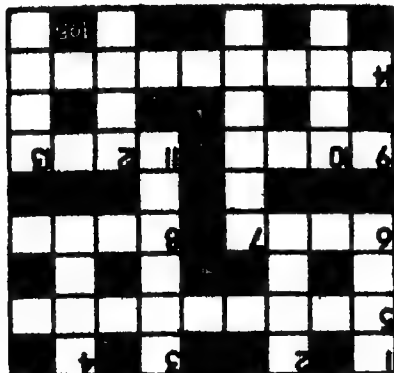
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ward looking. What of next year's Classics? The fact is that the youngsters who have raced so far have not been very impressive and it will be no more than a wild guess to name one of them as a prospective Classic winner. None the less, Sir Bruce, Amorous Knight and Monino have the makings of more than useful horses and more much more will be heard of them.

On the organisational side the complaints are mainly over the decline in the services offered. Tote staff, who, apparently, are race day employees, are said to be indifferent and totally casual in their duties, the boards which are provided to give information to the

racegoer are seldom updated and the odds boards which are supposed to be a guide to the prospective investor are farcical (the affected punters obviously do not think this is funny) as they show different figures from board to board and there have been cases where an odds on favourite is not shown on the board at all.

All this is due to a lack of proper supervision and while, admittedly, handling labour is now a delicate operation and the RWITC were free of labour problems the club cannot do without the public and if the public is to be attracted the service must not be slipshod and shoddy.



ACROSS

- 5 Not the kind of easy way out Tiger Pataudi expected Vijay Merchant to show with that casting vote! (5 4)
6 What Kapil made the mistake of thinking the Dec 1984 Delhi Test

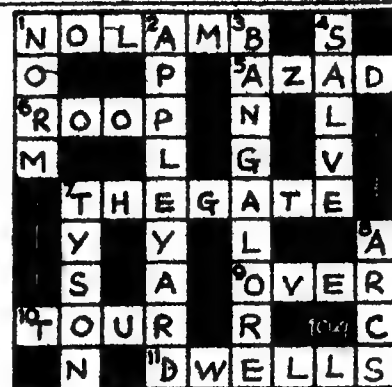
WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

- 1 Who was the winner of the 1977 Australian Open Tennis Championship?
2 In 47 unbeaten bouts how many times has World heavyweight champion Larry Holmes knocked out his opponent?

- to be (4)
8 Indian hockey ace claiming to be selected? (4)
9 Legendary stop on an India tour itinerary (4)
11 Kind of case Madras became for Kapil following the fiasco at Delhi (4)
14 Sandeep Patil's way of saying "So far as my role is concerned" (3 2 4)

DOWN

- 1 The - and cons of which three spinners should have regularly played for India during the 1969-1978 phase continues to be debated even now (4)
2 Tyson was such a beginner when he went to Australia in 1954-55 (4)
3 Traits summing up Viswanath as a batsman (6)
4 Our Lahore expert representing



- 7 Hole if Australian Fowler if English (6)
10 Don't come off continue batting? (2 2)
12 Go for Neal (4)
13 Maurice in cricket Sharon in films (4)

- 3 Where was the first Santosh Trophy Football Tournament first held and who won it?
4 How many Santosh Trophy Tournaments have been held so far?
5 Who won the men's singles title in the 1973 World TT Championship?
6 An Australian was the winner of the 1954 World billiards title. Who was he?
7 Where and when did Michael Ferreira make his international debut in billiards?
8 Who is the youngest batsman to score 5000 runs in Test?

- 9 Against which country and when did Ramakant Desai make his Test debut?
10 In which year was Bishen Bed given the Arjuna Award?
11 Who were the winners of the Cooch - Behar Trophy in its inaugural year?

ANSWERS:

- 1 Roscoe Tanner, USA 2 Thirty four 3 Calcutta 4 Forty one 5 Hsien Ting China 6 Tom Cleary 7 Pukekohe New Zealand in 1954 8 Javed Miandad 9 West Indies in 1958 59 10 1969 11 Sind 1945 46

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Bombay played like true champions

KUDOS to Bombay cricket team for once again proving in no uncertain manner that they are the champions in domestic cricket. Bombay have thus lifted the Ranji trophy this season for an enviable 30th time.

Eventhough in the finals the star turn was brought about by the Champion of champions Ravi Shastri it was team effort all the way. Particularly the way in which Sandeep Patil rallied with lesser known players in the earlier stages of this years championship was something only seen to be believed.

It only goes to prove that the cupboard of talent is never barren for Bombay.

Secondly in my opinion our cricketers on the domestic circuit don't get many first class matches to play either to test their skill or to keep themselves in top gear for international commitments.

If this is to be set right then I feel that our cricketers should get many more matches to play which can be made possible if the Ranji trophy quarterfinal matches are played on round robin league basis instead of the present knock outs.

- R Sridhar,
Madras-20

A team effort

BOMBAY'S stupendous victory in the Ranji trophy finals has thrown us all in ecstasy. Though it was Ravi Shastri's match-105 runs in two innings and 12 wickets-the victory was definitely a team effort. Nearly every batsman contributed runs in either of the two innings-some did it at quick pace and their fielding was also good.

Eight million citizens are feeling proud to be Bombayites. May Bombay's reign continue.

- Kaiyomerz Sattha,
Bombay-400 058

Indian cricket is in able hands

THOSE who associate aggression with a brutal display of physical power Ravi Shastri has showed aggression is in the mental make up of a player.

If there were any doubts over his ability to win a match single handedly-a la Kapil Dev or Ian Botham the Ranji trophy final is a testimony to the

fact that employing controlled aggression and dogged determination he can have the opposition struggling.

Whether he makes it to the gallery of cricketing immortals remains to be seen but Ravi Shastri has already done his bit to be accorded special mention in the annals of the game.

With his best years certainly ahead of him the future of Indian cricket is in safe and able hands.

- Shobhana Subramanian,
Bhopal-462 002

Srikkanth - a spectator's delight

IT IS indeed gratifying to note the vast maturity of K. Srikkanth. It was his cavalier performance against England in the one day internationals which ensured Srikkanth's place in the Indian squad for Australia.



Srikkanth...now a mature cricketer

Srikkanth was his flamboyant best in the B&H championship. His awesome hitting thrilled the Australians and his fans at home.

He exhibited a remarkable technique suitable to this kind of cricket to notch up the maximum aggregate runs in the championship. Srikkanth a spectator's delight has successfully dissolved India's long standing problem of opening batsman.

-Sabuj Sen,
Calcutta-700029.

Dattu got a raw deal

It is indeed shocking that the BCCI did not do anything constructive to help Dattu Phadkar, in his hour of need.

Even the Prime Minister contributed Rs 10,000 for Phadkar's cause. The irony is that the Board gave a cheque of Rs 64 lakhs towards the Prime Ministers fund amidst great fanfare when even 1 percent of this amount would have been almost enough for the entire cost of operation for him.

- Ashok Gupte,
Versova Bombay

An ode to Shastri

His tall dark handsome His batting is sure to fetch a ransom.

His sheet anchor role causes frustration among the opposition.

When the other wickets have fallen in quick succession.

The red cherry in his hand causes a fight.

Whenever runs for the opposition are in sight.

When he is at the wicket victory is not far.

That's why he deserved the Audi car.

Need I now tell his name?

He is Ravi Shastri of the Champion of champions fame.

- Ms M J Jayanthi,
Chandigarh

Weed out this regionalism

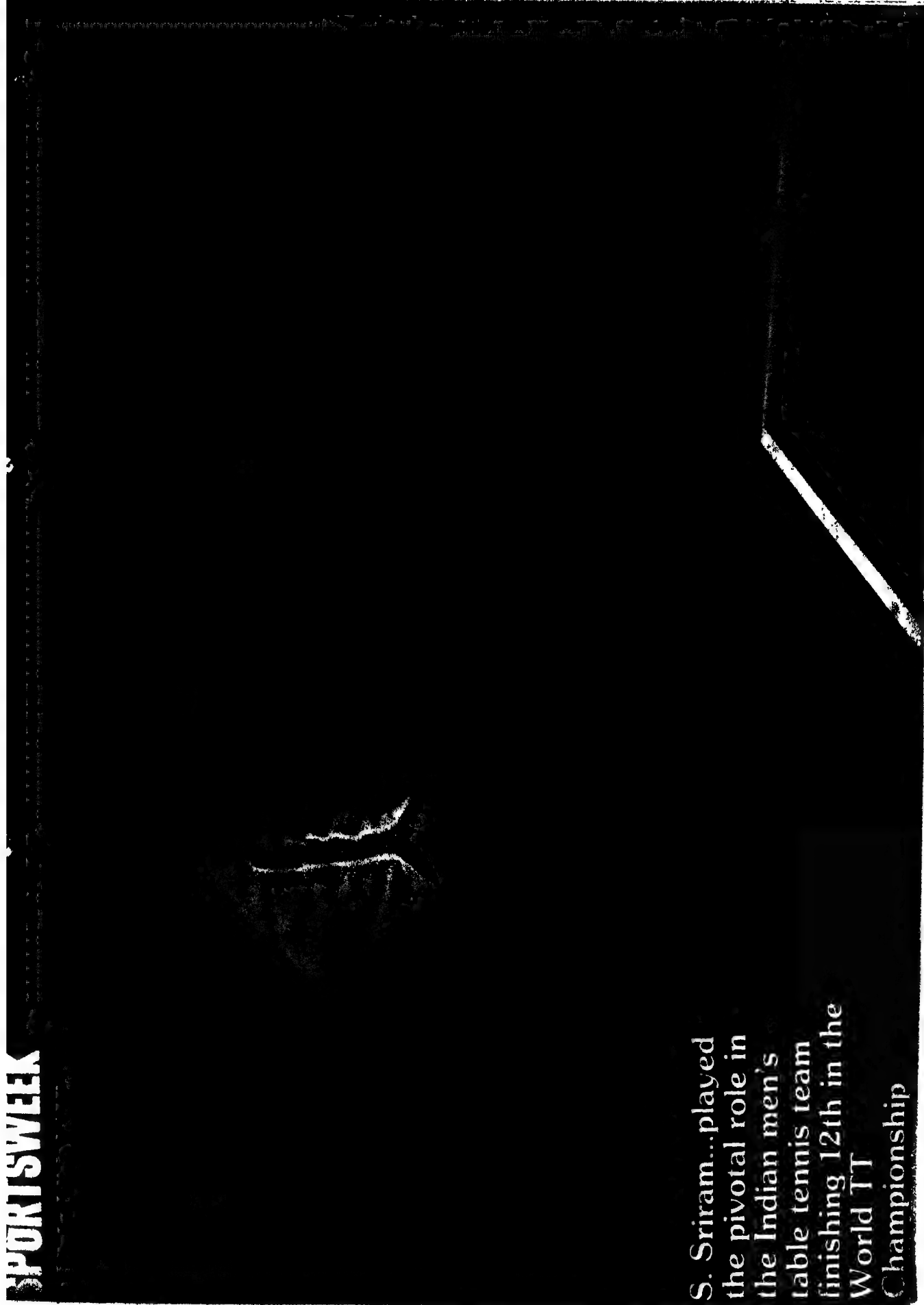
AN allrounder of Roger Binny's calibre has to struggle to keep his place in the Indian team is very sad indeed.

Binny who was undoubtedly the pick of the Indian bowlers in the B&H championship and India's best fielder has been treated shabbily by the selectors.

Against the fierce West Indies pace attack at home when players of Amarnath's stature were opening a new English telephone number 001000 Binny had done very well with the bat to finish fourth in batting averages.

Yet he lost favour with the selectors. But then that's how the South zone players are treated. Whereas players from North get a free leash. In Indian cricket cannot come good until this regionalism is weeded out.

- Talluri S. Prasad,
Rajahmundry. (A.P.)



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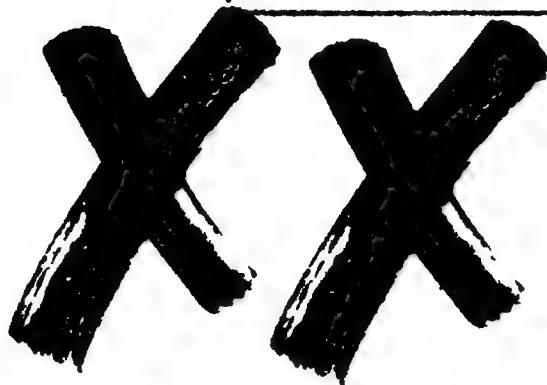
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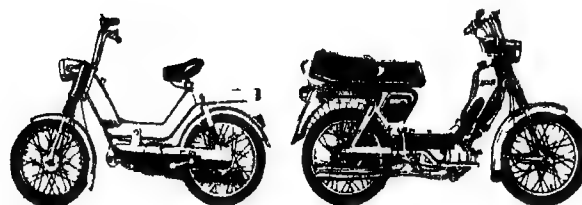
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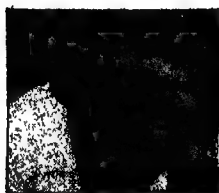
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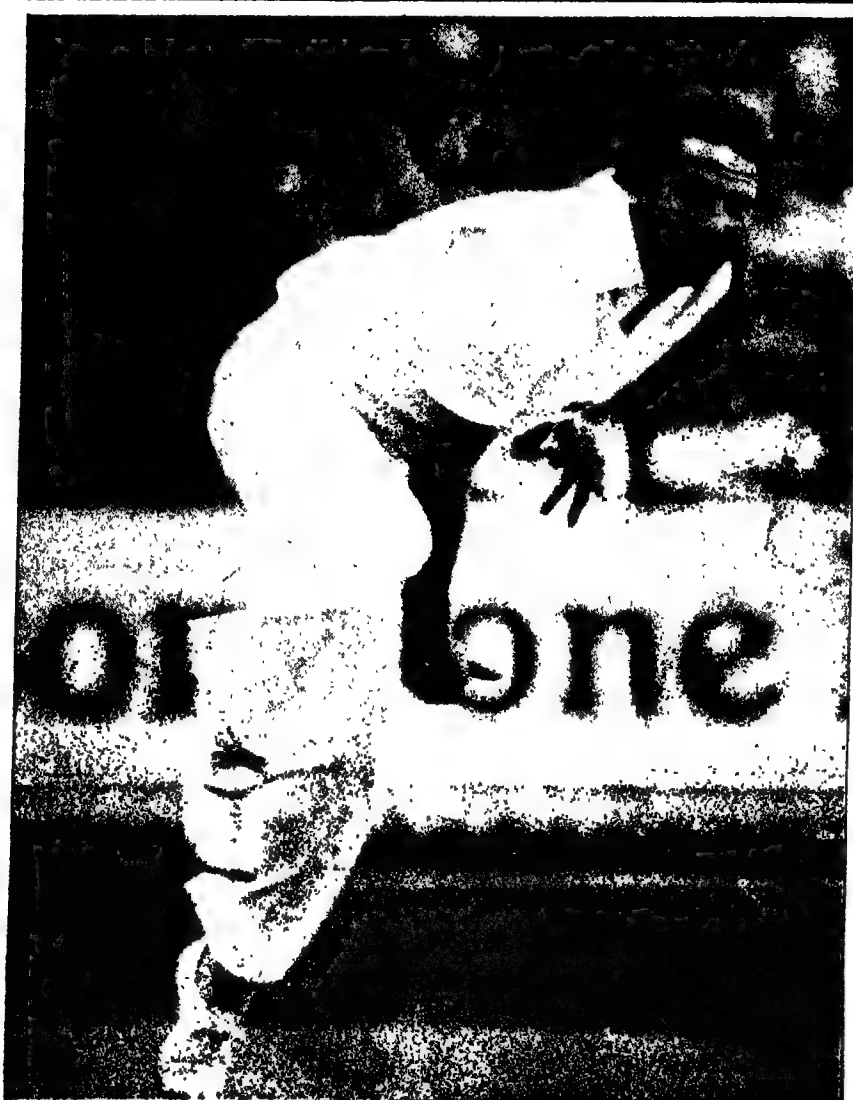


IAN TERENCE BOTHAM

Colossus at the crossroads

By Jack Bannister

England have proved they can win without Ian Botham. So, asks the author, will they need him this summer?



Ian Botham... his insistence on hogging the bowling and his reluctance to let others bowl has contributed towards more defeats than wins or even draws for England.

AN England side without an available Ian Botham was unthinkable but it no longer is. Following England's emergence from the touring wilderness—their magnificently hard fought 2-1 win in India was only their third overseas success in 12 series since Ray Illingworth's double victory in Australia and New Zealand in 1970-71—the most intriguing question to be answered this summer is how do the selectors and the players handle the return of the Prodigal Son.

Does the Somerset all-rounder go straight back in to the team, and if so, how best to integrate him into a set-up so brand new that its unfamiliarity may yet prevent a successful return?

If ever a cricketer was stale it was Botham last summer, and how it showed. For several years both on and off the field, he has bestrode the England Test scene like the Colossus his record mostly, if not always, proved him to be.

So complete was his dominance that selectors and successive captains alike allowed him to rule the roost to a degree which gave the lie to the axiom that no one man is bigger than the team.

Because of his over-forceful approach, both physically and mentally, the dominated proceedings almost expressed that England could not win a series unless he made it happen. But the facts are that, including the Somerset all-rounder's halcyon days with the ball, England have won only one series abroad with him, and that was against a Packer-denuded Australian side in 1978-79.

Perversely, as the bowling powers waned from 1980 onwards, so his insistence on hogging the bowling increased, until it is not overstating the case to say that his reluctance to let other people bowl has contributed towards more defeats than wins or even draws.

Now things are different. Due to his voluntary exile, England had to man-

age without him in India and the results are so conclusive that the lessons must not be ignored

England can win without him. They did so on the sub continent because in his absence, the bowling was properly shared out

Young pace bowlers like Neil Foster and Norman Cowans benefitted from increased opportunity, and albeit almost from Hobson's Choice, the selectors turned to slow bowling again, with Phil Edmonds and, to a lesser degree Pat Pocock doing themselves and

everyone else proud

Consequently at least two theories voiced by David Gower's predecessor were exposed. Bob Willis often said modern Test matches are only won by fast bowling, and in defence of three touring defeats in Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan he also said, other than West Indies nobody wins abroad these days

Well, David Gower's side proved it can still be done by a reversion to old fashioned principles which have been absent from recent England strategies

for all too long. It also needs emphasis that in India, the England batsmen rediscovered, perhaps not entirely coincidentally, in Botham's absence, the value of batting for a long time in a Test match

A tactical approach based almost entirely on containment and patience has done more for England in the last few months than brave but often foolhardy strategy of the last few years, in which if Willis and Botham failed to blast out the opposition, there was no alternative plan on which to fall back

The biggest lesson of all is that the best bowlers must be chosen, whatever their type, within the occasional confines of the nature of the pitch

There is a readymade place for Botham in the England side this summer in place of Chris Cowdrey, although the latter played in all five Tests in India and worked like a beaver in every game. So there should be no problem about slotting Botham back into the side, always assuming that his form and fitness in the first six weeks of the season warrant it. But the borderline between his powers to create and destroy have become too blurred not to be redefined before his re-entry into orbit is even considered

Ensure

All too often before this winter's tour, it has been Botham's finger on the self destruction button. This summer the selectors must ensure he is treated in exactly the same way as every other England player

If he delivers with the ball, fine. If not then the decision to play him, regardless of performance, is no longer valid. Until Delhi and Madras, not to mention the drawn games at Calcutta and Kanpur, it was thought that Botham was essential to the England side. Now the selectors, the players, and, hopefully, Botham himself know that is not true. He must now be treated as a batsman whose bowling is an extra option, but not an integral part of the selected attack

Botham still has a part to play for England. Perhaps even a big part. How successful he does that is far from straight forward, and a realignment of attitude by everyone in the next few weeks is essential

In the end it is down to the player himself. He has shown himself to be a big man capable of big things. Cricket lovers must hope he is big enough to deal with what is a brand new, but none the less welcome, situation. Ian Botham has always relished a challenge. Gower and the selectors must make clear to him that he now faces the biggest one of all

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Ian Botham.. he must now be treated as a batsman whose bowling is an extra option, but not an integral part of the selected attack



Windies rout Kiwis

From Tony Cozier in Port of Spain

SUBJECTED to batting first on a green and lively pitch against Joel Garner in his meanest mood, New Zealand were routed for 116 in 43.2 overs, a target that openers Desmond Haynes and Richie Richardson made light work of as the West Indies completed their fourth consecutive victory in the series of five One-Day Internationals.

Although the outfield was far drier than it had been in the first Test two weeks earlier, the pitch carried a layer of grass enough to worry the team whose captain lost the toss and heard the fast bowlers who used it first.

Geoff Howarth happened to call wrong and Garner, with help from Winston Davis and Michael Holding, had effectively destroyed all New Zealand hopes at 25 for five in the 14th over.

Jeremy Coney and Richard Hadlee took advantage of Garner's absence after he had removed the first four wickets for 10 in his initial six overs to save New Zealand from complete humiliation.

They added 58 from 14 overs, mostly against the erratic Eldine Baptiste, and New Zealand managed to reach 116.

Yet they failed to utilise their full quota of overs, a deficiency attributable to the run outs of John Bracewell and Garv Troup as Hadlee tried to keep the strike.

Garner was almost unplayable early in the day. He made the ball lift and cut both ways sharply from his Himalayan height and removed John Wright and Jeff Crowe in his third over, Martin Crowe in his fifth and Geoff Howarth in his sixth.



Des Haynes...gave another carefree exhibition while scoring 85 not out.

By the time the West Indies batted there was no life in either the pitch or the New Zealanders and Haynes followed his unbeaten 146 in the third One-Day International in Guyana with another carefree exhibition, scoring 85 from 72 deliveries, 30 off the last 13, with two sixes off. Lance Cairns medium-pace and 12 fours.

The New Zealanders' swift demise was a disappointment for a crowd of around 17,000, down on the nearly 30,000 for the first One-Day International here last month but better than any day of the Test Series so far.

SCORE-BOARD

New Zealand: G.P. Howarth c Dujon b Garner 6, J.G. Wright c Dujon b Garner 1, J.J. Crowe c Richardson b Garner 4, M.D. Crowe b Garner 1, J.V. Coney c Dujon b Richards 33, I.D.S. Smith c and b Holding 3, R.J. Hadlee c Richards b Davis 41, B.L. Cairns b Harper 12, G.B. Troup run out 4, E.J. Chatfield not out 1, Extras (lb 3, W 2, NB 4) 9 total: (42.3 overs) 116.

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-10, 3-12, 4-18, 5-25, 6-83, 7-100, 8-104, 9-114.

Bowling: Garner 6-1-10 4, Davis 6-3-1-10 1 (lbw), Baptiste 5-0-31-0, Holding 7-1-24-1 (lbw), Harper 10-2-18-1, Richards 8-1-20-1.

West Indies: D.L. Haynes not out 85, R.B. Richardson not out 28, Extras (lb-2, nb 2) 4 Total (no wicket-24.5 overs) 117.

Bowling: Hadlee 6-1-18-0, (1 nb), Troup 8-2-30-0, (1 nb), Cairns 6-0-50-0, Chatfield 4-0-14-0, Bracewell 0-2-0-3-0.



Joel Garner...almost unplayable in the early part of the day, he finished with four wickets for ten runs.



MICHAEL ANTHONY HOLDING

The Rolls Royce of fast men

By Rod Nicholson

MICHAEL HOLDING is a man of few words. But when he arrived in Australia last October, he declared he would bowl off his full run up and at full speed.

He also mentioned that a young lad would be his successor - Courtney Walsh is his name.

Holding finished his touring days at the end of this summer - although he is playing against New Zealand in the Caribbean - and is keen not only to end his career on a high note, but to produce a protege. So far, so good.

Holding, the man with the Rolls Royce run up, set the ball rolling by capturing six for 21 in the first innings of the opening Test in Perth, to decimate the Australian batsmen with a combination of speed, bounce, aggression and skill.



In 1975/76 when he made his Test debut in Australia, Holding was young, raw and emotional. In Perth, he was mature, experienced and dedicated to the task of wiping the Australians off the map.

"I have bowled faster, and I will bowl faster before this series is over," Holding had said.

"We all have a point to prove, particularly those who were here to suffer the humiliation of the 5-1 defeat in 1975/76. As far as I am concerned, I need to wipe that out of my mind with a truly fabulous performance this time around," he added.

When Holding won the man-of-the-match award in Perth, he couldn't hold back the smiles. An assassination was in motion, and he was the man heading the revolt.

The veteran of 50 Tests was a far cry from the youth who cried in Sydney when an appeal for a catch behind

against Ian Chappell was turned down in 1975/76.

In the meantime, he had captured 209 wickets at the exceptional average of 23.43 and demolished every batting combination in the world. His time may be coming to an end, but his ability is at a peak.

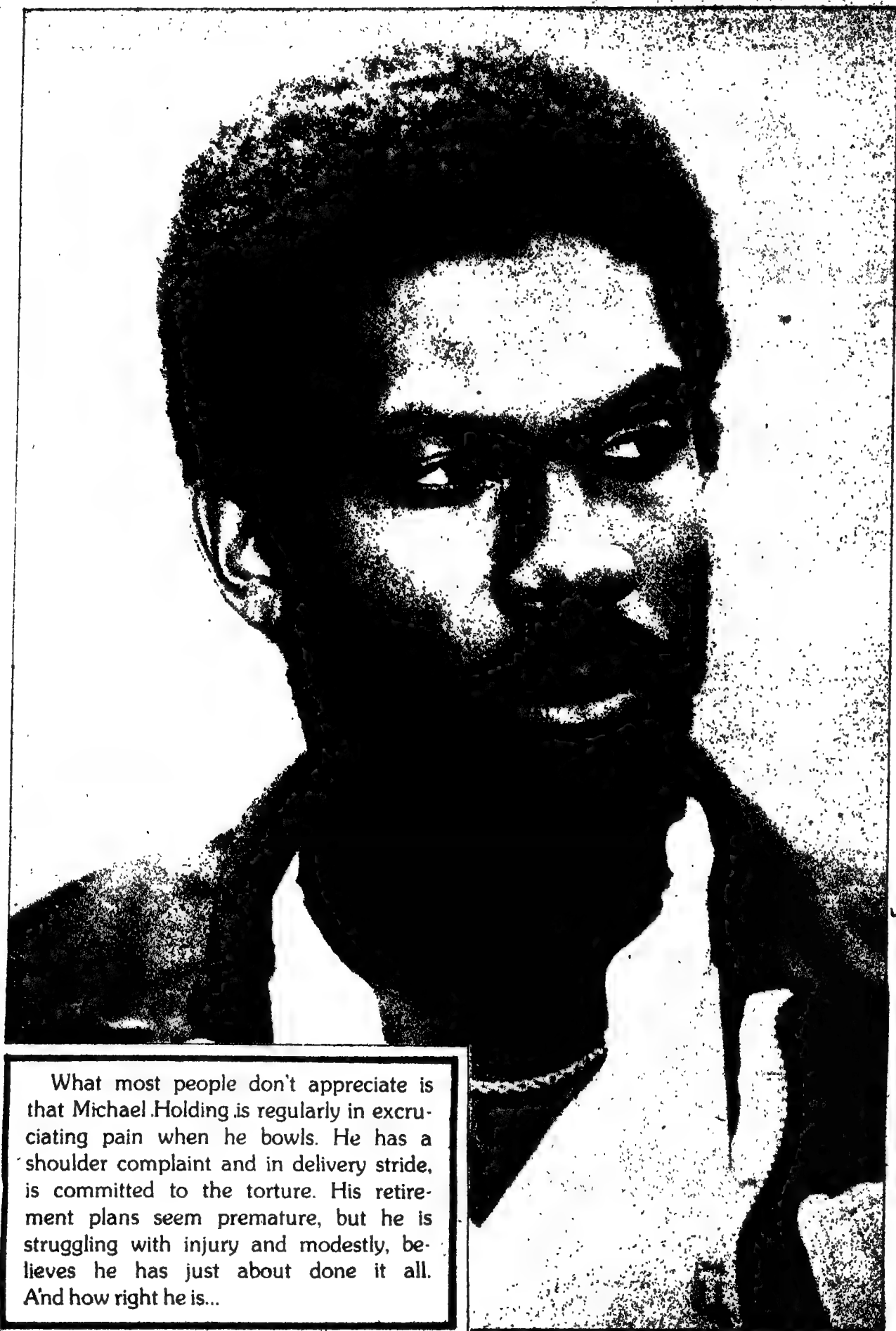
What most people don't appreciate is that Holding is regularly in excruciating pain when he bowls. He has a shoulder complaint and in delivery stride, is committed to the torture. So his effort in Perth was all the more meritorious.

"I have just about had enough. But it is very pleasing to finish up here, where I started. And it is especially pleasing to see someone who I have trained coming onto the scene to take my place," he said.

Of course, Holding was referring to Courtney Walsh. Both come from the island of Jamaica, and Walsh began



That's how many I got... a jubilant Mike Holding after capturing eight wickets in England's first innings of The Oval Test of 1976. Left: The hero is led off the field by a cluster of young fans.



What most people don't appreciate is that Michael Holding is regularly in excruciating pain when he bowls. He has a shoulder complaint and in delivery stride, is committed to the torture. His retirement plans seem premature, but he is struggling with injury and modestly, believes he has just about done it all. And how right he is...



PERSONALITY...

his career as a schoolboy bowling at the other end to Holding. The similarity in run-up, size, temperament and relative potential is extra ordinary.

They room together on tour, and Holding is a constant mentor to the youngster, who celebrated his 22nd birthday late last year.

As it turned out, Walsh had a big week. He is a quiet young man, who shared his celebration with Holding. But it was just the beginning of his fortunes. Joel Garner declared himself unfit and Walsh came into the side to play Western Australia.

He didn't get the new ball, and when he bowled, was plagued by no-balls. But he proved a handful, and in the second innings he was given preference to Winston Davis, and then was selected for the Test.

From nowhere, he suddenly was a Test bowler, bowling alongside his boyhood hero Holding.

Holding took great delight in that. "I am about at the end, but I like to think that Walsh will take my place. I know what it was like when I was young and coming into Test cricket. I wanted someone to help educate me.

"I hope I have educated Walsh, and that he will go on from here."

Walsh didn't get a bowl in the first innings as he watched Holding destroy the Australians, but he took 2-43 off 20 impressive overs in the second innings.

Wes Hall, the former champion



Holding takes time off to play the clown... a rare thing for a man of few words

speedster and team manager, is full of praise for both Holding and Walsh.

"Michael has a great action, a great strike-rate and a great big heart. He is a marvellous team man, and everyone was delighted to see him do so well.

"As for Courtney, well, I think we saw the start of another Michael Holding type. Michael was probably just a little faster than Courtney when he

first played Test cricket in 1975, but otherwise everything else looked like a re-run," he said.

An interesting point is that Holding's amazing spell of bowling in Perth was never planned. He was handed the ball by skipper Clive Lloyd to bowl just one over, to allow Malcolm Marshall and Joel Garner to swap ends.

But his rhythm was so fluent, and the deliveries so threatening, that Lloyd asked Holding if he would like to continue. The rest is history.

Holding is now 30. His retirement plans seem premature, but he is struggling with injury and modestly, believes he has just about done it all.

How right he is. At the Oval in 1976 he returned match figures of 14-149 off 53.4 overs, and finished four Tests with 28 wickets at less than 13 runs apiece. That was his best season, when he was the fastest bowler in the world.

In Perth, he celebrated his 50th Test, and during his career he has played a key role in lifting the West Indies from the depths of despair to undisputed world champions.

He hopes to retire to an easy-paced life, and concentrate on a different kind of speed - horse racing.

For as long as he is around the public can do no better than to watch the Michael Holding run-up. Surely there will never be a more pleasing sight to the eye of the beholder - unless he happens to be the batsman facing Michael Anthony Holding!

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The man with the Rolls Royce run-up... surely there will never be a more pleasing sight to the eye of the beholder - unless he happens to be the batsman facing Michael Anthony Holding



East Bengal bag the best

By Debabrata Chowdhury

THIS year the Calcutta soccer transfer officially came to an end on 19th April but for all practical purposes the annual ritual was over four days earlier when East Bengal Club not only signed Krishanu Dey and Bikash Panji from arch rivals Mohun Bagan but also Biswajit Bhattacharjee

As it was with Prasanta Banerjee last year the signings of Krishanu and Bikash was the subject of much discussion this season and it was after a long time and much persuasion that the two players finally decided to don the red and yellow colours.

What, perhaps gave the matter a whole new dimension was the involvement of the players families before the actual signing took place.

Anxious as their fans were at the time of wheeling and dealing, the East Bengal officials had all along been certain that the two stars would join their club. But more enterprising as they proved themselves than their counterparts in Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting in the end, they had to undergo some nerve wrecking moments when Sailen Manna, the Mohun Bagan assistant secretary joined the fray in a last ditch effort

In the past the venerable Olympian used to play a leading role at the time of transfer but this season he was completely by passed by the Mohun Bagan officials from the beginning

When, however, they realised that things were not going their way despite their following the East Bengal officials in Benares, Cochin and even Dhaka they pleaded with Manna to do something so that at least the services of Krishanu and Bikash could be retained.

Having earlier failed to woo away Monoranjan Bhattacharjee despite an unprecedented offer this was their last trump card as Manna is one of those few officials who still command some respect from the players.

Don't worry, said Manna and added they are very much Mohun Bagan boys but even Manna did not succeed, firstly because his was a very late bid and, secondly because the East Bengal officials had more money in their pockets to disburse.

Compared to Mohun Bagan's offer of rupees one lakh forty thousand for the two players East Bengal reportedly settled the deal at around rupees one lakh twenty five thousand for each of them

Mohun Bagan whose officials earlier vowed not to increase the budget under any circumstances now became frantic and tried to get Sudip Chatterjee, Alope Mukherjee and Tarun Dey with huge offers but here too the East Bengal officials had the last laugh.

Of course, the East Bengal officials had to beat a retreat in the case of Atanu Bhattacharjee the Mohammedan Sporting and India goalkeeper Atanu accepted the advance from them but when he learnt that Bhaskar Ganguli, contrary to earlier speculations was not changing his club, he backed up. With Bhaskarda breathing down my neck, I just cannot take my place under the East Bengal bar for granted was his explanation. Similar was the view of Mohun Bagan goalkeeper Pratap Ghosh who also was offered a large sum by East Bengal.

The failure to get either Atanu or Pratap meant that Bhaskar Ganguli



Krishanu Dey... his transfer was subject for much discussion

would need special effort to keep himself fit throughout the season as besides him there are only Aslam Ahmed and Bijon Chakraborty to guard the East Bengal goal.

East Bengal's main strength will, of course emanate from their deep defence where Sudip Chatterjee, Monoranjan Bhattacharjee, Tarun Dey and Alope Mukherjee will be the regulars. Besides them there are Balai Mukherjee, the skipper, and some promising players like Alope Saha and Samir Chowdhury to take over when the need arises. Debdyuti Debnath, new comer Kabir Bose and veteran Chinmoy Chatterjee also are there but except in case of emergency they are not likely to get their chances

Like the deep defence East Bengal's line up front will also be very good indeed. Jamshed Nassiri will be the man to get the goals while Krishanu Dey is there to do the scheming. There is the resourceful Debashish Roy, hardworking Biswajit Bhattacharjee and the two promising recruits from Aryans and Tollygunge Aggragami, Sandip Munshi and Kamal Ghosh respectively. Monojit Das whom the club have retained and Prabir Majumdar who has switched over from Mohammedan Sporting was, however, have to fight hard for a place.

East Bengal, however, may feel the absence of a winger more so when Debashish Roy, the only one they have does himself better justice as a striker.

The halfline of East Bengal, though it has players like Bikash Panji, Debashish Misra and Sunirmal Chakraborty may not be all that good as all the three players are primarily right footed and they might face trouble while trying to change the pace of direction of the game. The problem is unlikely to be solved even if Sudip Chatterjee comes in to take the place of any of them leaving the right wing-back position skipper Balai Mukherjee.

This is, however, a minor flaw in what must be the most studded team this season and if coach P.K. Banerjee could instil the right sort of team spirit among the boys East Bengal would be the club to watch in the coming days.

In contrast to P.K. Banerjee, Amal

Dutta his counterpart in Mohun Bagan will have more serious problems to encounter

Pratap Ghosh as his main goalkeeper and Tanumoy Bose and Jagadish Ghosh as Pratap's capable understudies the last line of Mohun Bagan defence looks to be quite safe

But the problem would arise in the deep defence where Abdul Majeed, Surata Bhattacharjee, Satyajit Ghosh and Krishnendu Roy will probably line up as regulars

Majeed has the capacity and the inclination to join the attack at the slightest opportunity but his defence is suspect. Moreover, this being his first season in Calcutta initially at least he may find the going a bit tough

Subrata Bhattacharjee, though he did not play badly last year is not getting any younger and the long and arduous season may have a telling effect on his capacity to carry on. Satyajit Ghosh has been playing for Mohun Bagan for the last three years but there is something in his approach that does not instil confidence though there is no denying the player is always a good trier. Krishnendu is good but only in patches and he has of late developed a tendency to use more brawn than brain and against tougher opponents this might land him in trouble

So if one or more among the regulars fail Amal Dutta will have to find the replacement from among Samar Bhattacharjee, Shyamal Banerjee, Swapan Saha Roy, Compton Dutta, Sanjib Chowdhury and Swapan Bose. Considering that some are over the hill while others are quite inexperienced Dutta's job may be a rather difficult one

The halfline of the club will, however, be quite balanced assuming that Ravi Kumar would acquit himself well in the new environment and would be able to fill in the void left by Bikash Panji. If, however, he fails and Prasanta too cannot come back to terms with himself then Mohun Bagan will be finished unless, of course, Mihir Bose or Amit Majumdar decide to play from the deep and act as saviours

In the forward line Mohun Bagan have as many as twelve players but who among them would be asked to do regular duty is a matter of conjecture. May be Xavier Pius among the older players will find a regular place while amongst the youngsters Babu Mani's position is also secured. As for the other place Kartick Sett, Pradip Talukdar, Subir Sarkar, Sisir Ghosh and skipper Bidesh Bose will have to vie with one another

Whatever might be the composition of the final line up it is not likely to command much respect from the op-

However, if one has to go by past experiences, then one cannot just write off Mohun Bagan or Mohd. Sporting

ponents nor it would enthuse the club's own supporters many of whom have already started blaming the officials for their lackadaisical attitude during the transfers

Provided any of the youngsters among Pradip Ghosh, Pronob Bose and Utpal Mondal are able to give night company to Shabbir Ali and Nannder Thapa then Mohammedan Sporting's line up front will not cause them much headache

There are of course Manas Bhattacharjee, Majeed Baskar and Amitava Mukherjee and the first two in particular could be dangerous on their days

Although Victor Amalraj is back from Mohun Bagan and ageing Prasun Banerjee and young Sajal Das are there to give him company, coach Abdus Sattar might occasionally have to ask either Sanjib Bhattacharjee or skipper Prem Dorji to play as winghalves. Even if they do so the halfline will be nothing more than ordinary class and to succeed a club always needs a top class half line

The deep defence will of course be quite good with trusted players like Premnath Philip, Moidul Islam, Jaydev Chakraborty, Mushir Ahmed, Anudev Das to man it and it will be further strengthened if Sanjib Bhattacharjee is included in the team as a stopper or as a wingback rather than as a winghalf

Abdus Sattar will have to worry least about his last line of defence as it will be guarded by Atanu Bhattacharjee who despite his many faults is one of the best goalkeepers. In case of emergency there are Tapas Chakraborty, Hyder Ali Mondal and Dilip Pal and all of them are capable too

All said and done it looks at least on paper that East Bengal have the best team this season but if one has to go by past experiences then one just cannot write off either Mohun Bagan or Mohammedan Sporting. It is, indeed, some amount of luck, team spirit and the ability of certain players to rise for the occasion which more than the strength or weakness of a team that count in the long run. We have seen this before and we shall see this again

TEAMS

Mohun Bagan:

Goal Pratap Ghosh, Tanumoy Bose, Jagadish Ghosh and Shivaji Banerjee

Deep Defence Abdul Majeed, Subrata Bhattacharjee, Satyajit Ghosh, Samar Bhattacharyee, Krishnendu Roy, Shyamal Banerjee, Sanjib Chowdhury, Swapan Saha Roy and Swapan Bose

Half backs Ravi Kumar, Prasanta Banerjee, Mohammad Fareed and Sujash Bera

Forwards Babu Mani, Kartick Sett, Subir Sarkar, Amit Majumdar, Mihir Bose, Krishna Gopal Chowdhury, Narayanswami Ulaganathan, Xavier Pius, Surajit Sengupta, Bidesh Bose, Pradip Talukdar and Sisir Ghosh

Mohammedan Sporting:

Goal Atanu Bhattacharjee, Hyder Ali Mondal, Tapas Chakraborty and Dilip Pal

Deep Defence Premnath Philip, Moidul Islam, Sanjib Bhattacharjee, Joydev Chakraborty, Anudev Das, Aslam Khan, Mushir Ahmed and Prem Dorji

Half backs Victor Amalraj, Mehmood Khabaji, Prasun Banerjee and Sajal Das

Forwards Manas Bhattacharjee, Amitava Mukherjee, Pradip Ghosh, Pronob Bose, Utpal Mondal, Arup Das, Shabbir Ali, Majeed Baskar, and Nannder Thape

East Bengal:

Goal Bhaskar Ganguli, Bijon Chakraborty and Aslam Ahmed

Deep Defence Sudip Chatterjee, Balai Mukherjee, Tarun Dey, Monoranjan Bhattacharjee, Alope Mukherjee, Debdyuti Debnath, Samir Chowdhury, Alope Saha, Chinmoy Chatterjee and Kabir Bose

Half backs Sunirmal Chakraborty, Bikash Panji, Debashish Misra and Gautam Sarkar

Forwards Sandip Munshi, Kamal Ghosh, Monojit Das, Prabir Majumdar, Debashish Roy, Biswajit Bhattacharjee, Krishnu Dey and Jamshed Nassin

Coach and captain.

Mohun Bagan Amal Dutta (coach) and Bidesh Bose

Mohammedan Sporting Mohammad Abdus Sattar and Prem Dorji

East Bengal P K Banerjee and Balai Mukherjee

A dacoit cares for statistics!

ONCE HE HAS HEARD a lot about hardened dacoits giving up their sinful ways and surrendering their firearms amidst great fanfare in an effort to turn into a new leaf

Dakubhure Singh another sten gun totting rogue, hailing from the notorious ravines of the Chambal with a string of heinous crimes to his credit, dropped his I MG and with it his wicked ways while surrendering to the Madhya Pradesh Government

So what is great about it, brother? One is compelled to ask. The likes of Phoolan Devi and Malkhan Singh are found in heaps in Madhya Pradesh who have given up warfare for a sedentary life behind the bars. But Dakubhure Singh is unlike his illustrious predecessors. He is a dacoit with different hobbies!

Guess what

Our man is cricket fanatic

Dakubhure Singh, who is now serving a prison sentence in the Gwalior Central Jail, came across a sports magazine which mentioned **Rajinder Goel's** feat of bagging 600 wickets in Ranji trophy. Realising



Rajinder Goel even dacoits have come to appreciate his record haul of 600 wickets

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the importance of this stupendous feat he promptly despatched a congratulatory message to the veteran cricketer and wished him further successes

It seems even dacoits come with a higher intelligence quotient these days!

Zeeshan Ali doing well

ZEE SHAN ALI one of the promising young tennis players of the country recently arrived home from Hongkong, giving a good account of himself in the Asian Junior Circuit

Zeeshan reached in the singles and doubles final on four occasions in only first Asian Circuit which was played in Dhaka, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines and Hongkong

The Thailand leg of the tour proved lucky for Zeeshan for he won the under 16 final. As the young lad continues to shine in this circuit, let us hope and pray that he would go on to emulate Vijay Amritraj with his deeds on court

The top ten of Asian soccer

LATE IN 1984 Premier publications Australia invited leading football journalists of Asia to participate in a poll to name the inaugural Asian Footballer of the Year

This poll was instituted by Premier publications to commemorate the launching of their forthcoming Asia Oceania Football Handbook. Majed Abdullah Mohammed of Al Nasr and Saudi Arabia was unanimously voted as the best player with 71 p followed by Gu Guangming of Guangdong and China with 40 p. Faisal Al Dakhil Al Qadisiya and Kuwait third with 30 p

The others in the top ten are as follows: Abdullah Al Diayye Al Tayee and Saudi Arabia, Jia Xiuquan, Liaoning and China, Abdulal Changiz Omid and Iran, Choi Soon Ho, Dolphins and South Korea, Piyapong Pueon, Bulls and Thailand, Hussain Saeed, Iraq and Fandi Ahmad, Singapore. The last two tied for the ninth place with 6 p each

The cricket wheel never stops!

THE CRICKET WHEEL never stops for a breather on this globe. It merely shifts its base from one continent to the other

England will shortly be the hub of action as the English cricket season takes off once again this summer but of course, subject to the vagaries of the inclement weather

Although Australia's tour is the focal point of the English cricket season, the county scene will again be enriched by the overseas stars

West Indies Test players, out of county cricket last year - as they were too preoccupied giving a

'Blackwash' to Gower and Company - will return to try and influence a shift in the balance of power

Vivian Richards and Big Bird Joel Garner at their irresistible best will enhance Somerset's chances of winning the championship for the first time while the equally devastating combination of Gordon Greenidge and Malcolm Marshall should lift Hampshire, who slumped to the 15th position last year after



Vivian Richards... his presence will enhance Somerset's chances this summer

being third in the previous two seasons

Then the folks in Sussex can refreshingly look forward to the sight of Imran Khan delivering his thunderbolts. Though he is fully fit, Sussex have made it clear they will not overwork the former Pakistan captain, who will play in all one-day matches and limited of three day championship games.

Talking of overseas players, our own guys like Sandeep Patil, Bhalwinder Sandhu, Ravi Shastri and Chandrakant Panit will be in action to add the Indian colour in the Leagues.

Disqualified for underestimating Khan!

AUSTRALIAN Ricki Hill underestimated the power and dominance of world champion **Jehangir Khan** at British Open Squash championships at East Grinstead recently.

The Thirteenth seed Ricki Hill, it seems had plenty of chores at hand. He reckoned Khan would need an hour to dispose off the South African challenge by Richard O'Connor in the first round.

This is precisely where Hill bungled. He gave too much time for Khan to dismiss O'Connor.

When Hill arrived to take on fellow Australian Frank Donnelly, he found to his surprise that he had been disqualified for reporting 20 minutes late.

Khan had as usual, raced to a 9-3

9-0 9-1 win over the Springbok, then with Hill absent, Donnelly was given a walkover into the next stage to face England international Bryan Brash.

Cornhill's eighth season with TCCB

CORNHILL insurance, beginning their eighth season as sponsors of Test cricket in England are close to agreeing a new deal with the Test and County Cricket Board.

Both sides reported that negotiations were proceeding amicably. England captain **David Gower** collected a cheque for £4,000 for the two Test victories over India at the annual Cornhill tour awards lunch with the individual prizes going to Mike Gatting (£450), Tim Robinson (£450), Piti Pocot and Phil Edmonds (£50) shared and Graeme Fowler and Neil Foster (£450) shared.

Ovett, in the fray once again

WHOSIYS Steve Ovett is down and out. He has dispelled all fears about his health with a comfortable win in one of the most prestigious triathlons of Europe.

Ovett was competing seriously for the first time since being carried off the track in the final of 1500 m at the Los Angeles Olympics. He won the seven kilometre Golden Shoe race at Vigevano, Italy, in 20 minutes 7.5 seconds, two seconds ahead of second placed Italian Francesco Paner.



Steve Ovett the breakdown at Los Angeles is a distant past now

— and then said: "I am stronger than I was before."

There was no doubt about his fitness as the world 1500 m record holder cruised across the finishing line in Vigevano's medieval main square.

Through the halfway mark in slippery conditions under light drizzle, Ovett, Panetta and Brazil's Jose Joao da Silva, who finished third, had opened a commanding lead over the rest of the 57 strong field.

Ovett was relaxed and confident as he stepped up the tempo in the final lap of the race.

Well, fellow runner and country man **Sebastian Coe** is due for some competition from a rejuvenated Ovett.



Surinder Khanna, of the inaugural Asia Cup fame, and his bride **Abheeta** seen at their wedding reception held at New Delhi on April 17, 1985.





MOHD. AZHARUDDIN

Stardom at a tender age



MOHAMMED AZHARUDDIN is the brightest star on the world cricket firmament. This 22-year-old batting genius hit cricket headlines in the last home series against England by achieving a cricket feat unique in the 160 years of Test cricket.

Azhar has maintained his consistently fine showing in the one-day competitions that followed – the World Championship of Cricket in Australia and the Rothmans Cup at Sharjah.

Azhar found time, while in Australia, to discuss with us his phenomenal success, his personality and other aspects of his career.

Q: What do you think is the reason for your outstanding success?

A: I love cricket. It is my favourite game. Despite all hurdles and hardships I like to play cricket. That's why whenever at it, I am involved with my heart and soul. There isn't the slightest distraction. While at the crease, my whole attention is centred on the game. I think of nothing else. At that time, only the game remains in front of me, bat in hands, eyes on the bowler and the field in my mind. I play the strokes with all my concentration to put the rival bowlers under pressure. I myself never feel under any pressure or problem.

Q: Who was your ideal in cricket? They say your style resembles that of Zaheer Abbas. In the past he used to play like you, so have you had him as your ideal?

A: No, I don't think it is true. I have never made anyone my ideal. If my style resembles anyone else's, it is only coincidental. I play my own game and in my own style.

Q: What about getting married? Do you want to continue playing or take up the responsibilities of running a household?

A: I have no immediate plans of getting married. At the moment I want to concentrate on playing. As far as marriage is concerned, it depends upon my parents. Whenever, wherever they want, I will get married. However, right now my own aim is to direct all my energies towards cricket.

Q: What are your educational qualifications?

A: I am a Commerce graduate.

Q: How many brothers and sisters do you have? Do any of them play cricket?

A: I have two sisters and three younger brothers. I am the eldest of the lot. My brothers play cricket. The younger ones are good players. I keep giving them tips off and on.

Q: Did the elders in your family play cricket. Any of your uncles etc.?

A: Yes, my maternal uncle played cricket. By watching him I also got attracted towards the game. He is my mother's younger brother. He is a member of the bank team and has also played for the Hyderabad junior team. I used to go and see him play.

Q: You have become world famous in such a short time. You are being compared with the top players of the world. What plans have you made for the future?

A: My desire is to achieve many more peaks in cricket. Score many more runs so many that the record remains for a long, long time to come. I want to take Indian cricket to new heights.

Q: You bat well but what are your favourite strokes?

A: Strokes are all good but they should be played from the middle of the blade. I enjoy it when the ball comes to the middle of the bat and I can turn it in any direction in the field.

Q: Against Pakistan (when he made 93 not out), you drove Imran Khan twice. Normally it is difficult to play strokes against Imran. How did you manage it?

A: It is not difficult to drive when the ball comes on to the bat. On both the occasions the ball had to be driven less and I did just that.

Q: Whom do you play better, spinner or pace bowlers?

A: I consider facing any type of bowler as a challenge. I am ever willing to accept this challenge from any bowler. Spinners have their own art. Fast bowlers have a different style. Both try to create problems for the batsmen. If the batsman concentrates, it is easy to play both types of bowlers comfortably and runs can be scored against all sorts of bowlers.

Q: Do you play for yourself or for the team?

A: If I increase my score, the team's score increases in turn. Even if I play well personally, it will be in the best interest of the team.

Q: Are you interested in watching films?

A: No, I don't see movies at all. I am not interested in seeing films.

Q: Many Indian cricketers have acted in films. Is it likely that you will be attracted to the tinsel world?

A: I don't think so. I don't want to act in films and have never thought about it.

SW Correspondent



Fame and success haven't spoilt him. Azhar is always willing to learn from senior cricketers

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Aussie wickets invite criticism

IN Australia during the last decade the wickets of two illustrious grounds (Melbourne Cricket Ground - MCG and now the Sydney Cricket Ground - SCG) have invited adverse comments from both critics and commentators alike. Earlier, MCG was at the receiving end but now it is the turn of the SCG. In fact so many disparaging things have been said about the Sydney pitch that visiting cricketers will eye it with suspicion when they play there.

Clive Lloyd, whose mighty West Indies team was humbled twice in the recent summer, said in an interview, "It is wrong for a Test to be played on a wicket that turns so much from the word go. It is impossible to play any shots with authority."

Queensland's captain Jeff Thomson, sang the same song after his batsmen fumbled and floundered in the Sheffield-Shield match against Victoria. "As a wicket for a first class match it was a disgrace," he said. "It turned at right angles from the first ball."

This season visiting batsmen have failed and faltered miserably which is the reason that their captains have criticised the pitch. But the pitch has plenty of defenders too. There are people who believe that by offering spectators relief from the monotony of watching fast bowling most of the time it has provided them with the most exciting events seen anywhere in Australia this summer - the two defeats of the 'invincible' Windies.

Ross Dundas, an Australian statistician has provided an interesting table which shows that in first class matches this season batsmen have scored fewer runs in the Shield competition at the SCG than at any other premier ground on the Australian mainland.

SCG has produced a result in every match played there this season. On the

Grounds	Runs	Wkts.	Avg. runs per wkt.	Wkts. by fast bws.	Wkts. by slow bws.
Sydney (all matches)	3397	133	25.5	37.6%	60.2%
Sydney (NSW batting)	1377	44	31.3	45.5%	47.7%
Sydney (NSW bowling)	1133	60	18.9	28.3%	68.3%
Melbourne	5360	125	42.9	67.2%	29.6%
Perth	7894	245	32.2	79.2%	14.6%
Adelaide	6508	198	32.9	62.1%	30.9%
Brisbane	6305	185	34.1	80.0%	16.8%

other hand, at the MCG, the bat has dominated the ball to the extent that nearly 43 runs have been scored per wicket.

The table also shows that the spinners have been much more successful at the SCG than anywhere else. At Perth, for instance, slow bowlers have taken only 14.6 per cent of wickets. Correspondingly they have accounted for 60.2 per cent batsmen at Sydney.

A research into Dundas' table reveals that although visiting batsmen have done badly against NSW at the SCG, averaging a little less than 19 runs per wicket, NSW batsmen have fared fairly well, averaging 31.

Admittedly, NSW batsmen have done better elsewhere (at all grounds in first-class matches this season they have averaged 36), but it is evident that batsmen have come to grief at the SCG not so because of an inferior pitch but because of the superior NSW spinners (Bob Holland, Murray Bennett and Greg Mathews) who bowled on it.

What other explanation could there be for Clive Lloyd's decision in the final Test at Sydney to go in minus his off-spinner, Roger Harper? A fact that admits the SCG helps only quality spinners.

When the Australian fast bowlers reduced Pakistan to 27 for eight at Perth three seasons ago there was hardly any criticism of the pitch. Imagine the shouts from the roof-tops this seasons when NSW's spinners had

Victoria 27 for eight at one stage in the crucial Sheffield-Shield match.

The New South Wales captain, Dirk Wellham, has said harsh things about the Sydney wicket, but his complaints have been about its uneven bounce and its slowness. He rejected the suggestion that it gives spin bowlers an unfair advantage. It was too slow so it limited the scoring possibilities for batsmen.

There is a general complaint that the SCG playing surface is a course for the NSW horses! "Well, I understand Australian cricket was keen to get spin bowling back in the game," Wellham said, "it's a fair wicket. I don't think it turns too much, and it turns slowly."

"The whole thing is we've got the three best spinners (Holland, Bennett and Mathews) in the country." One only shudders to think of old spin stalwarts - Laker, Gibbs, Bedi, Chandra and Pras who would have caused panic on the SCG strip to reap a rich reward.

The SCG curator, Peter Leroy, concedes that the pitch has been playing slowly. He blames it on the gradual compacting (binding) of the soil over the past five years.

"Batsmen who play from the crease here are in a lot of trouble," the curator said recently, "but the fellows that use their feet aren't. The fellows that know how to play cricket get runs." Greg Ritchie proved the point in the Shell-Shield match at the SCG.

prevalent today

Sating the Cricket Control Board for its inefficiency he observed "talent wise the B.C.C.P. is woefully low, in knowledge below the ignorance line and vulgar in approach to the conducting of cricket affairs. For the last 10 years, said Kardar, the game has been under the control of people who have not handled a cricket bat even in a nursery".

He demanded institution of an administration capable of re-establishing values, of forming modes of discipline among players with the ultimate object of creating the team unity. He said without unity a team is a crowd with nothing in common.

Abdul Qadir speaks out

ACE leg-spinner Abdul Qadir called for effective measures to resolve, what he termed the present cricket crisis in Pakistan.

Speaking at the "Meet the Press" programme of the Lahore Press Club, Qadir said cricket affairs should be run by experienced cricketers.

He said cricket was a technical game which would function smoothly only under the guidance of those persons who played it and were thoroughly acquainted with its various

aspects

Qadir gave a detailed version of the incident which led to his expulsion from New Zealand in February on disciplinary grounds and he maintained that he was innocent.

Pak Board's selfish administration

ABDUL HAFIZ KARDAR former Pakistan cricket captain and President of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan gave a clarion call for the complete overhaul of the Cricket Control Board.

Kardar said he was thoroughly convinced that there can be no super-ior character formed under a selfish system of administration which is

National federations lose their autonomy

By Bystander

A FEW after the Indian Olympic Association's unwarranted summons to the honorary secretary of the Indian Hockey Federation, K L Passi to come to Delhi ostensibly to sort out matters before the elections due in the hockey federation, comes the news about the alarming constitutional amendments sought by the IOA. It is blatantly obvious that the IOA's objective is to strangle the national federations. To deprive them of their autonomy and then make them

IOA's objective is to strangle the national federations by depriving them of their autonomy and rights

toe the line of the IOA. To discard all democratic precedents and take an authoritarian control over sports in the country.

While the legality of these amendments cannot be questioned, the moral and practical connotations of these sweeping changes certainly can.

By depriving the national federations of their autonomy and their rights the IOA is only catalysing a process of confrontation, dissension and internal wranglings which are bound to surface sooner than later.

For example, one of the amendments mooted is that the President of the IOA can now recommend through the general body or the executive committee, for permanent or temporary expulsion of an individual or a group indulging in activities prejudicial to sports, including taking recourse to civil courts.

As a corollary, it is added that this would have to be supported by a two-thirds majority of the IOA.

What this will entail is that for any arbitrary action that the IOA decides on, there will be unscrupulous and hard bargaining, and bribing to ensure the two-thirds majority for taking the action. In other words, political arm-twisting. The carrot and

stick syndrome.

One other amendment which demands attention is that if a national federation or an association was disaffiliated, the ad hoc committee to look into its affairs would comprise officials preferably from the IOA, until a new unit was formed. Also arbitration proceedings would be held according to the terms of reference given by the IOA and not according to the Arbitration Act of 1940.

It does not need an abundance of grey matter to realise what this amendment implies. It would be so easy to

disaffiliate any federation, and then appoint an ad hoc committee and subsequently promote its own members for the IOA to gain complete control of the federation.

The message is thus loud and clear. What the IOA wants is not a piece of the cake but the entire cake itself.

But this could well boomerang on the IOA. Power is intoxicating. Absolute power more so. But by these amendments the IOA could well be taking a pill which is too sweet to refuse but also too bitter to swallow.

THE SPORTING LIFE



HIS HOBBY MUST BE GENEALOGY... HE THINKS HE KNOWS THE ANCESTRY OF EVERY REFEREE IN THE LEAGUE.

East Zone scribes are the best

SW Correspondent

SHYAM Sunder Ghosh of the 'Statesman' Calcutta, turned back the clock many years to put up an inspired display in the annual J.K. Bose Trophy cricket tournament, played by journalists from the West, North, South and East Zones annually. It was primarily this 'young-old' man's magnificent bowling which enabled East Zone to retain the trophy at Bombay this year. To make it an even more eventful four days for him, Shyam Sunder Ghosh also reached the final of the table tennis competition for the Bali Trophy where he lost to holder Gerald Hassu of North Zone. The entire tournament was kindly hosted by Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers.

Ghosh has been a prolific wicket taker and rungetter for East since the inception of the trophy. And with advancing years he seems only to have become better and more devastating. His controlled swing bowling, which would leave more accomplished batsmen than those Ghosh normally bowls to, nonplussed, was the highlight of the tournament.

In the three matches East played, Ghosh took five, nine and six wickets to finish the tournament with 20 wickets. No other bowler took half that number, which is an indication of Ghosh's mastery. Predictably he won the man of the match award on all

three occasions and naturally enough the man of the series award too.

The other highlight of the tournament was a chancy but strokeful 107 by V Jaishankar of the Indian Express (Bangalore) in South's match against West. The match was a thriller, with South totalling 211 off their 40 overs and West finishing 13 runs short.

West had earlier lost another close encounter against East. After being bowled out for 120 by Ghosh who took nine wickets, West fought back gamely to reduce East to 106 for eight, before running out of steam.

The result of the Bali Trophy seemed a foregone conclusion with Gerald Hassu of the Patriot (Delhi), streets ahead of the other competitors in the fray. Hassu won the title for the third year running. In the semifinals he accounted for Pradeep Vijayakar while Ghosh beat Gautam Bhattacharya. The final was a tame affair. Brief Scores: (J.K. Bose Trophy):

West 155 (Ayaz Memon 31, A Karandikar 25, S. Ramaswamy 21, S Santhanam 2 for 20, M Vatsalya 2 for 49) beat

North 121 (T Ramkrishnan 33, K Wadhwaney 21, Karandikar 4 for 18, P Vijayakar 3 for 27, Ayaz Memon 3 for 45)

South 104 (V. Jaishankar 36, S.S.

Ghosh 5 for 39, S Dey 2 for 8) lost to East 106 for 5 (S S Ghosh 39, Saban ayagan 26, Sharan Kumar 3 for 27, Jaishankar 2 for 35)

West 120 (S Ramaswamy 39 n.o. S S Ghosh 9 for 50) lost to East, 12: for eight (G. Bhattacharya 22, Aya. Memon 3 for 19, A. Karandikar 3 for 34, S Tripathi 2 for 26)

South 149 (Leslie Carvalho 37 Ikram Khan 26, Suresh Kaushik 5 for 45) lost to North 150 for 7 (Vinod Harsh 45, Krishnaswamy 25, Sharan Kumar 3 for 38, T Govindarajan 2 for 35)

North 61 (S S Ghosh 6 for 37, S Roy 2 for 2) lost to East 64 for 1 (A Dasgupta 26 n.o., S Dey 27)

South 211 for 6 (V Jaishankar 106, L. Carvalho 45, Ayaz Memon 3 for 52) beat West 198 for 9 (Ayaz Memon 45, A Karandikar 33, S Sonawane 27, C Sant 20, V Jaishankar 5 for 84)

Bali Trophy final: Gerald Hassu beat Shyam Sunder Ghosh 21-15, 21-16

The tournament was conducted and the outstation teams were lodged at the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Complex at Chembur. Mr Duleep Singh, chairman and managing director of RCF was the chief guest at the final function where the prize distribution took place.



The victorious East Zone cricket team with the J.K. Bose trophy. Shyam Ghosh (centre) on his right is Mr. Duleep Singh, chairman and managing director, RCF



"Tell me Milley, how did you get it"

By Shankar Abhyankar

IAN Botham slowly trudged back to his bowling mark. There was a hushed silence in the Melbourne arena. It was one of the most dramatic moments in the history of Test Cricket. Australia were just four runs away from victory and England needed just a solitary wicket to snatch an incredible victory.

In fact, every moment of the encounter between the old foes is always dramatic, but what resulted and reflected in this particular Test that was played from December 26th to 30th 1982 was something beyond belief. The perspicacious Bob Willis was not a pernickety captain. There were no scalding tears and he fought till the end with venom and sting.

Greg Chappell, on the other hand, was fomented by his brilliant success in two previous Tests and the Australian team-work was ready to close in upon. And therefore no one was surprised when Chappell asked England to bat after winning the toss.

England failed to have footing in the opening spell. Fowler and Gower were out to Hogg and Cook was held brilliantly by Greg Chappell in the slips off Thomson and England were 56 for three shortly after lunch. But the transformation was going to come to the England innings and it came in the form of an exciting partnership of 127 between Lamb and Tavare - yes, Chris Tavare - in only 115 minutes, before tea.

Even after the break, both the batsmen went on and on; putting on 161 runs in 147 minutes. Greg Chappell was obviously restless and the 64,000 strong crowd merrily backed up swinging Lamb and Tavare.

Then came the unexpected break. Tavare swung unnecessarily at a wide one from Thommo and was beautifully caught by Yardley. Lamb succumbed to Yardley and England's innings soft-wittedly fell apart before the combined assault of Yardley's spin and Hogg's pace. The last seven wickets fell for 67 runs.

England were all out for 284; Lamb and Tavare displayed no grievances and took the field enthusiastically.

Dyson and Wessels began confi-



Geoff Miller... came running from nowhere and caught the falling ball to dismiss Thomson

dently for Australia and the opening partnership was worth fifty five runs in quick time. Then Dyson fell to Cowans. Greg Chappell did not resist his temptation for a hook stroke and was brilliantly caught - first ball - by Lamb.

An out of Border was clean bowled by Botham and Wessels was lbw to Willis. At 89 for four Australia had obviously failed to conciliate the purposeful situation.

Then Hookes began his sensational counter-attack and scored 53 glorious runs off only 69 balls. Hughes was playing well within his limitations and he put on 81 runs with Marsh, who was practically dominating the proceedings in the centre.

Willis bowled with great hostility and Miller was extremely accurate and the said combination made England

possible to restrict Australia to have negligible lead of three runs.

England's second innings was nothing but a repeat performance. Only Fowler came good in the frontline attack and at 201 for seven. Australia had virtually pocketed the issue. Fortunately, the England tail did not crumble. Taylor and Pringle concentrated initially on survival and on gaining ground they started attacking.

This pair put on 61 invaluable runs which settled the result of this incredible Test. England were all out for 294.

The Melbourne wicket was gradually wearing and the ball was keeping low. Under the circumstances, to score 292 runs for victory was indeed an uphill task.



David Hookes... scored 53 glorious runs off only 69 balls

With two full days in hand, Australia were not in haste at all, and Dyson-Wessels pair was content with comfortable singles. Even then the runs were hard to come. Wessels was particularly uneasy against Cowans and was not timing the ball properly. The inevitable result came at 37, when Wessels was bowled off his pads by Cowans for only 14.

The first innings duck was oddly haunting Greg Chappell and he tried to force Cowans through the off side only to be caught low down by the diving Gould who was fielding as substitute for Fowler. Dyson fell to Botham and at 71 for three Australia were in doldrums.

Kim Hughes and David Hookes began the rescue operation and theirs was the 'do or die' effort.

Hookes had considerable good fortune. He was missed off successive half-chances when Miller was bowling and he received the benefit of the doubt when England thought he was leg before the wickets and caught behind.

Hookes responded by taking 15 off Willis in one over. Hughes and Hookes added 100 runs and then Hughes was spectacularly caught by Taylor and Hookes was caught off a skier when he swung across the line to Cowans.

Now Cowans, full of hostility, was bowling with fire and fury and fury. Marsh was lbw for 13 and in the same over Bruce Yardley was bowled. Border, a surprise failure in the previous Test, was determined to score and took 40 minutes to get off the mark.

Once he settled down, Border started playing magnificently, but Lawson and Hogg departed early. Australia were 218 for 9 and England's victory was scornfully decided. Thomson joined Border who had been anonymous, and the game was as good as over.

Willis set a totally defensive field for Border, pushing men right back on the boundary and allowing Border a single when he wanted it so that he could attack Thomson. The plan failed dreadfully. Border gained the upper hand and in the last 45 minutes of the day - there was brief stoppage due to rain - 37 runs were added and Australia still had a chance of victory.

The final day was charged with electrifying atmosphere and the batsmen's running between the wicket was like sweepstake! Singles were converted into threes and Border took at least two where there should have been no single. Australia raced like anything and the dream victory was just four runs away. Spectators were practically delirious with joy and yelling like mad. The excitement was unbelievable.

Bob Willis was literally on the verge of tears. He simply could not believe that last wicket could put on 70 runs, no England bowler could dare to bowl at this stage and Willis had no choice but to throw the red cherry to the redoubtable Ian Botham.

Botham's first ball was short and swinging away. Thomson followed it and it flew off the edge straight into the hands of Tavare at second slip. But the ball bounced off his hands. Suddenly Geoff Miller came running from nowhere and caught the falling ball.

There was stunned silence for a moment. Then Cowans, pulled off a couple of stumps as souvenir and dashed towards the pavilion. Willis was chaired back. Thomson was speechless. Border threw his bat half merrily and half dejectedly and the next moment he was lost in the swarming crowd.

Champagne was flowing in abundance in the English dressing room. Miller was the hero - and that was his first catch of the series and how timely it came - who gave England three run victory, the narrowest margin in this context in the entire history of world cricket.

Willis appeared to be deranged, pouring champagne on Miller's head and suddenly the captain of England sarcastically asked, "Tell me Milly, how did you get it."



Only the redoubtable Ian Botham could provide the vital breakthrough for Bob Willis and England



Botham: It is a matter of attitude

By Bob Taylor

IAN BOTHAM has been the most brilliant natural cricketer of my England career – and, at times, the most infuriating.

It was a pleasure to play alongside such a wonderful all-rounder and I hope he can still keep it going. But I worry about his mental attitude.

When I used to chide him about looking after his fitness, he would grin and call me "OAP" for obvious reasons – yet I was genuinely concerned for him.

He has needed a break from cricket for several years. And he is stubborn about his bowling and his captaincy.

Ian just won't accept that he is no longer the bowler of his prime – that golden period between New Zealand early in 1978 and the Bombay Jubilee Test in 1980.

His force of personality has given him too many overs in the years when he should have been standing at slip helping the captain spot things for the good of the side.

I feel Ian has been an ordinary bowler since 1982. The zip is there occasionally but too often that massive body isn't sideways on when he delivers the ball.

Ian also seems to labour under the delusion that you get class batsmen out by bouncers. That may be so if you are as quick as Malcolm Marshall but Ian's reduced pace in recent years has been meat and drink to the best players.

His whole make-up is geared towards attack and I think a maiden over bores him, as much as anything.

He still gathers in his share of wickets but they now cost too much and he rarely keeps it tight when a quiet period is needed.

Nor will he accept that his form suffered during those Tests in 1980 and 1981 because he was leading England. He still maintains that he wants to be captain again before his career ends.

I just don't know why Ian's attitude in the nets is not professional. He doesn't relish the public relations chores that come with the job and he prides himself on his blunt speaking.





Temperamentally I feel Ian lacks the coolness of thought to be a good captain. He is one of those who likes to lead from the front to go over the top with all guns blazing. Yet sometimes a captain has to retrench and gain some breathing space.

I wish he would get the captaincy thing out of his system because he still has so much to offer.

Despite his facade of unconcern, Ian is a very good analyst of cricketers. At our pre-Test dinners he was always first class at spotting technical things about the opposition and he could dissect the weaknesses very impressively.

He is modest about his performances and is quick to praise those with far less talent.

A genuine team man, he never glorifies in his achievements and just lets his

record speak for itself.

We always felt he was a great man to have on our side and his guts and determination were fantastic.

He must have a very high pain threshold. Time after time he has bowled through injuries or illness on tour and never complained. He always wants to be in the game and will accept responsibility.

He may be foolishly cavalier on occasions but that's the way he plays. I think his batting could be even greater if he could accept the decline in his bowling.

He has given tantalising glimpses of batting greatness, particularly in India in 1981-82, and he is a great sight when playing properly.

The bat comes down in a straight

line, the head remains still and his off-side driving is beautifully correct.

Ian is equally good off front and back foot and he is one of the few players around who can be guaranteed to score quickly. Even in Tests his striking rate per hour is tremendous.

Not many players can score at such a rate and still look safe, but Ian can when he's really concentrating.

I don't think I've seen a greater catcher of the ball in any position in the field. His catching technique is like the man himself, highly individualistic and should not be copied.

When I coach youngsters the elements of fielding I always say to them: Never stand like Ian Botham with hands on knees as the ball hits the bat. He is a genius and makes his own rules.

Willis: A captain's tale of worries, will and bravery

BOB WILLIS has been one of Ian Botham's closest friends in cricket but they were poles apart in temperament and attitude to the game.

Bob was often rather negative about our chances - he had a long grievance about the quality of England's batting - and he tended to fear the worst while Ian would expect us to prosper if we looked on the bright side.

Bob took the game of cricket very seriously. He triumphed through force of will - only Geoff Boycott spent more time psyching himself up for the big games - and Bob would often appear to be from another planet when bowling.

He had to change his approach when made England captain and I think he did as well as one could expect from a 33-year-old fast bowler.

It took a lot to swallow his resentment of the media and present himself at those interminable Test match Press conferences.

A natural worrier, he took things to heart and sometimes blew them out of perspective.

I just wish others had tried as hard as the captain to make light of our defeats after the South African episode robbed us of so many fine players in 1982.

On our last England tour together I got the distinct impression that we were the only two still brooding about a defeat several hours later. Many of the others seemed to think a few beers would blow away all the memories.

I felt Bob deserved a better fate than his sad early home coming from Pakistan in the spring of 1984.

But history will judge him more kindly as a captain and nobody will

ever be able to question his record as a fast bowler.

I don't think I ever played with a braver cricketer, one who made less fuss about his injuries. England never had a greater trier in my time.



**ABDUL QADIR**

"I wanted to give up cricket"

SW Correspondent

ABDUL QADIR is taking over from Sarfraz Nawaz. The leg spinner has had numerous brushes with the authorities of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP), just like his Lahore teammate and fast bowler Sarfraz used to in the past. Whereas the previous problems could be settled, the current imbroglio threatens to bring a premature end to Qadir's career.

To get to the root of the problem and obtain the details from the horse's mouth, we met Qadir at his Lahore home.

Excerpts from the interview

Q: Could you tell us in detail about the Wellington incident?

A: It was the last day of the three day match against Wellington. In fact the last half hour of the match in which only four or five overs were to be bowled. Nobody was taking the match seriously including Zaheer Abbas, the captain for the match. This is obvious from the fact that though we had regular bowlers like Iqbal Qasim, Tahir Naqqash, Mohsin Kamal and myself, he was giving the bowling to Rameez Raja.

I was fielding in the covers. Rameez bowled and middle order batsman Armstrong played it towards me. I deliberately allowed the ball to go past me. But the idea was to play up to the spectators, many of whom were leaving the stadium. I wanted to provide some cheer to the dull proceedings. Zaheer shouted at me from mid on that I was not stopping the ball.

I raised my hands to gesture that I was sorry since I could not say to him in words because of the distance between us. Zaheer came running to me. He was very angry. He started shouting at me that I was not fielding properly. I just asked him whether he was playing seriously. He pressed my shoulder and said go and field or I will send you out. I only told him to talk to me properly and with respect.

Then he shouted at me "Get out". Thrice he told me to get out and sent me off the field. I was dumbstruck. Th

is is the worst thing that can happen to any player.

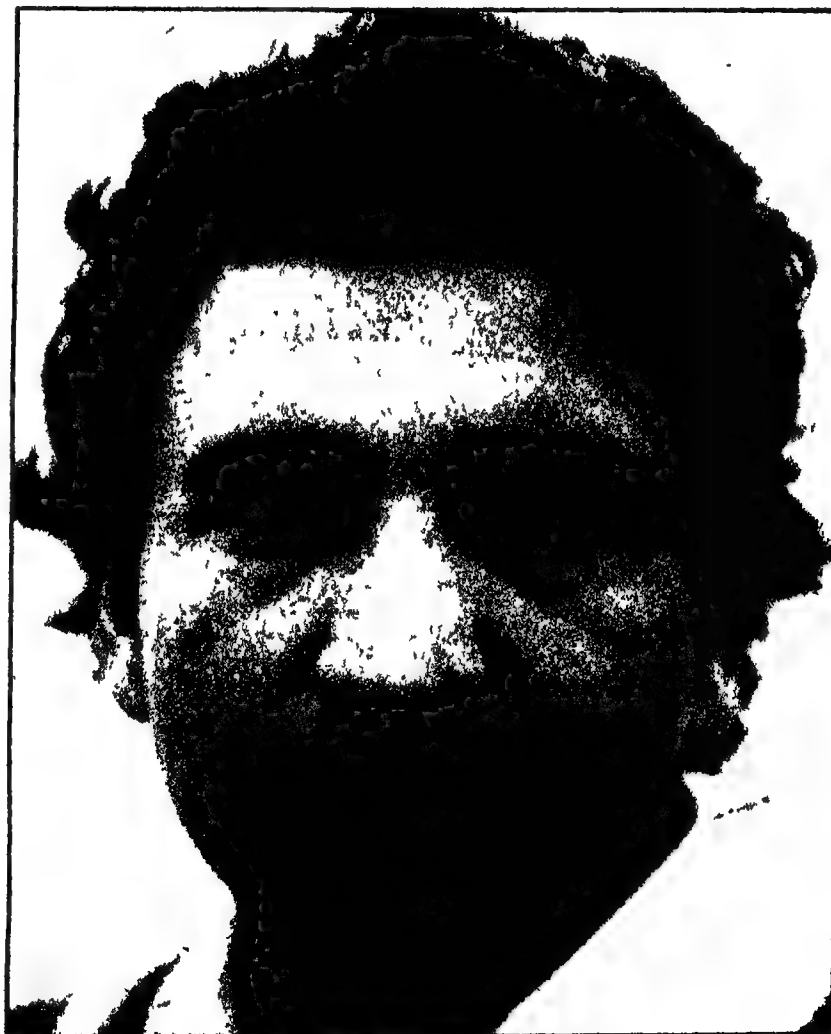
I could not imagine that Zaheer would treat me like this. After all I was a senior member of the team. But he held up the match till I had left the field.

After coming off the field I thought I would go and complain to the manager that Zaheer was unfair to me but somehow or the other I could not speak to him till we reached Christ

church. The morning papers were full of stories of how Zaheer threw Qadir out of the ground. I was surprised how the papers got the news but then I realised journalists have their methods of getting the news.

We had nets that day. On return, I was called to the manager's room. The captain (Miandad) and vice captain (Mudassar) were present. The manager told me that Zaheer had com-

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plained against me to take disciplinary action I replied 'Sir I wanted to tell you the same thing Zaheer has been unfair to me

The manager said whatever I wanted to say I had to give in writing. Whenever someone is asked to give something in writing he is also shown what are the written complaints against him. If I was shown what Zaheer had complained about I would have replied accordingly. Since I was told orally I asked for some time to think what he must have written. My request was conceded.

The next day after the nets I was called again. The same three persons were present in the manager's room. The manager said I had not yet given the written explanation which I should have given by now. I said if it was all that important I would give it at once.

He replied now it was not necessary since they had decided to take disciplinary action against me. The committee has decided to fine you a reasonable amount of 1000 American dollars. In addition you will give a written apology.

I pleaded with him to call Zaheer to settle this small issue in front of captain and vice captain. He said he didn't want to call Zaheer. I suggested he could call the fielder on my right or left to find out. He again said no. I requested them to call the senior members of the team but even that was rejected.

All my entreaties were completely ignored. I was given no time to think to arrive at a decision. They asked me whether I had accepted the decision. I said no because it was very harsh, hasty and unfair. Then he said if you don't accept it then there is another solution. And they started to look at each other's faces.

I said 'Sir why are you talking in riddles. I know what you have decided but you can't say it.' He said 'What do you mean?' I replied that he wanted to send me back.

Yawar Saeed said he had had a talk with Gen Safdar Butt (President Pakistan Cricket Control Board) and he had told him to send me back.

The sad thing is that when I landed at the Lahore airport the Jung reporters told me that Gen Butt had said in an interview that he knew nothing about the matter though he did get a message from Yawar Saeed.

Q: If you had to say anything in the matter you should have done so after returning to Pakistan. Why did you start giving statements there?

A: I didn't start a statement campaign. I had to speak the truth if someone asked me. Tell me if I said anything against the Board or an



Abdul Qadir "I could not imagine that Zaheer Abbas would treat me like this. After all I was the senior member of the team"

individual I have just described the events. I have not levelled charges against anyone though I know things which few have knowledge about.

When I switched on the TV I heard the commentator say that Pakistani player Qadir is being sent back according to manager Yawar Saeed disciplinary action was being taken against him. This created a furore. My hotel room was soon full of TV, radio and news reporters. Now you tell me who was responsible for this state of affairs?

They could have waited till I had gone before making the news public. Then there would not have been such a big hullabaloo. Still I controlled myself though I was very angry. I just narrated the incidents as they had occurred. That's all.

Q: Why do you feel that the fine was too harsh a punishment?

A: In the first place, I don't think that I had done something which deserved action at all. Greg Chappell got a ball bowled under arm after which the relations between two countries were spoilt. Mian

dad kicked Lillee. On the previous tour of Australia there was a fight between Miandad and Raja. No action was taken that time. Comparatively this was a much smaller incident. It wasn't even a Test match that we would have lost because of that one ball.

Q: Did you really leave the ball to entertain the crowd?

A: Certainly. There was no other reason. It is not true that I wanted to show resentment. That is why after considering everything I had said that it was all pre-planned. Still I apologise.

Q: Is the whole thing due to a clash of egos and personalities?

A: Absolutely. As I had said there also I never say something which my mind doesn't accept. I think the plan was being enacted for a long time. The real computer was running in Karachi. Thanks to Mr Haseeb (Ahsan).

He is an old hand at this game. These are his old moves. Haseeb did the same when India came to Pakistan. That time Nur Khan was there. He wasn't a bad man. That time also Haseeb was the deputy. He got me insulted by saying that I was asking for three lakh rupees. God knows there was no such thing. His politicking has completely destroyed Pakistan cricket and the man has finished us and we have still not regained the people's faith in us. This man indulges in groupism.

Q: In the near future if Pakistan needs you will you be available?

A: These people have mentally tortured me so much that I do not feel like playing cricket again. When I came here I wanted to announce my retirement but my friends and well-wishers stopped me. I was so disheartened that I wanted to give up cricket.

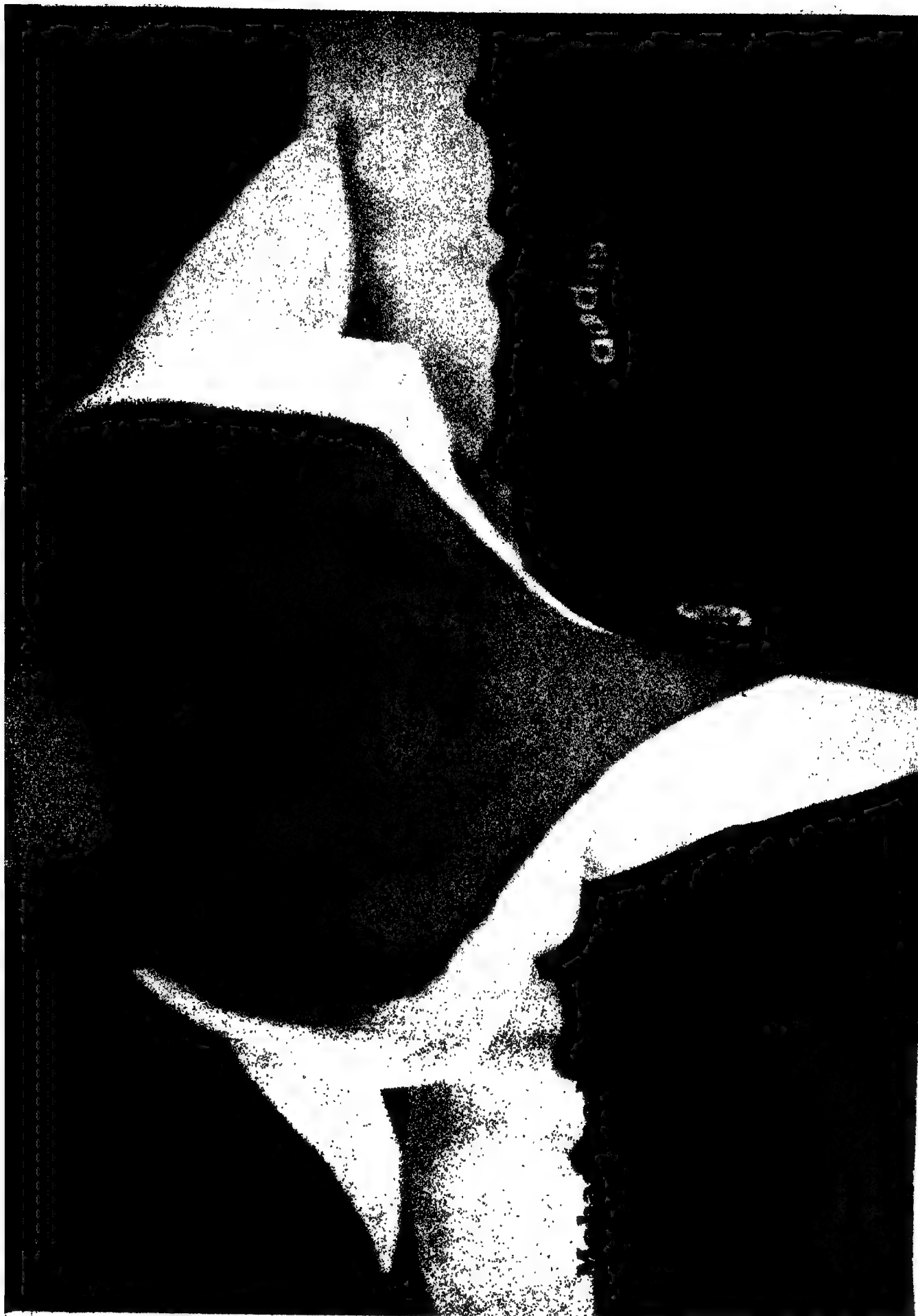
Q: Won't that be too serious a step?

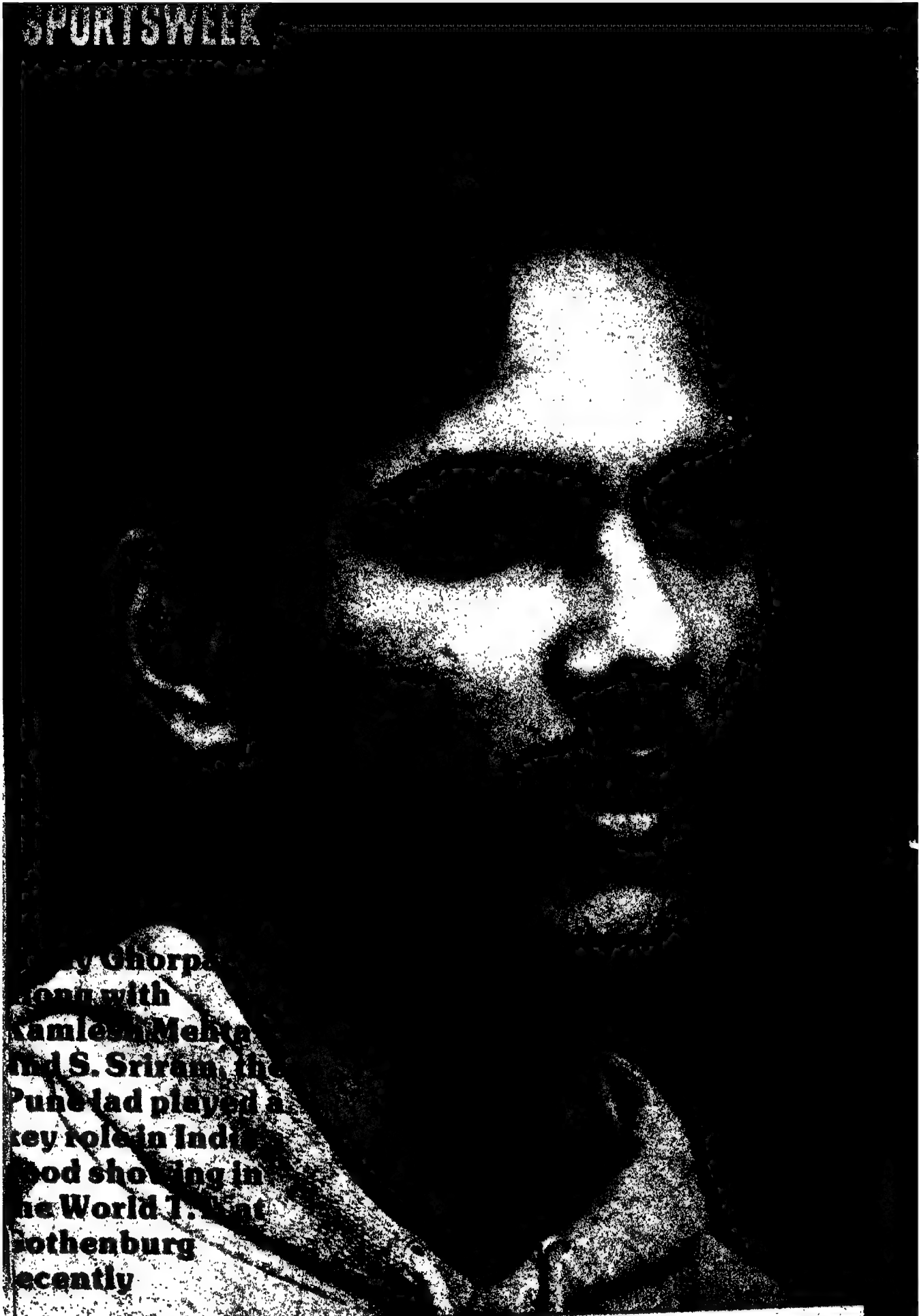
A: Yes, maybe. But not when you consider the fact that people are after you. They want you to quit cricket. These people are running a propaganda campaign against me. They want to take revenge against me for Sarfraz and Imran. They do not bother about Pakistan.

These people are after two other players. One is Mohsin Khan who is having a lean time and these people are happy that he is faring miserably. The other is Qasim Omar. He did well in New Zealand and Australia. He scored in all matches except the final. Now they have removed him from the team. Just to torture him mentally.

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The king has lost his crown

In 1978 Henry Rono was the undisputed star of world athletics, the holder of four long-distance track records and winner of a cluster of medals. Today the Kenyan runner is out of shape, out of work and out of money. What went wrong?

By Sam Opondo

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S EVEN YEARS ago Henry Rono was being acclaimed as the most outstanding athlete in the world

Rono then 24 shattered four world track records in an unprecedented three month spell. No top class meeting in the United States or Europe was complete without him. The five foot nine inch (1.75 m) Kenyan from the Nandi people in the Rift Valley Province was showered with honors.

Rono never won an Olympic title because Kenya boycotted the 1976 and 1980 Olympiads for political reasons but he won gold medals at the African and Commonwealth Games in 1978.

Today he still holds two world records for the 3000 meters and the 3000 meters steeplechase but his days as a sports hero are over.

Henry Rono is badly out of shape, jobless, frustrated and short of money.

Last year he was deported to Kenya from West Germany after finding himself unable to settle large hotel bills. Rono had left the United States to compete on the European circuit but he performed poorly.

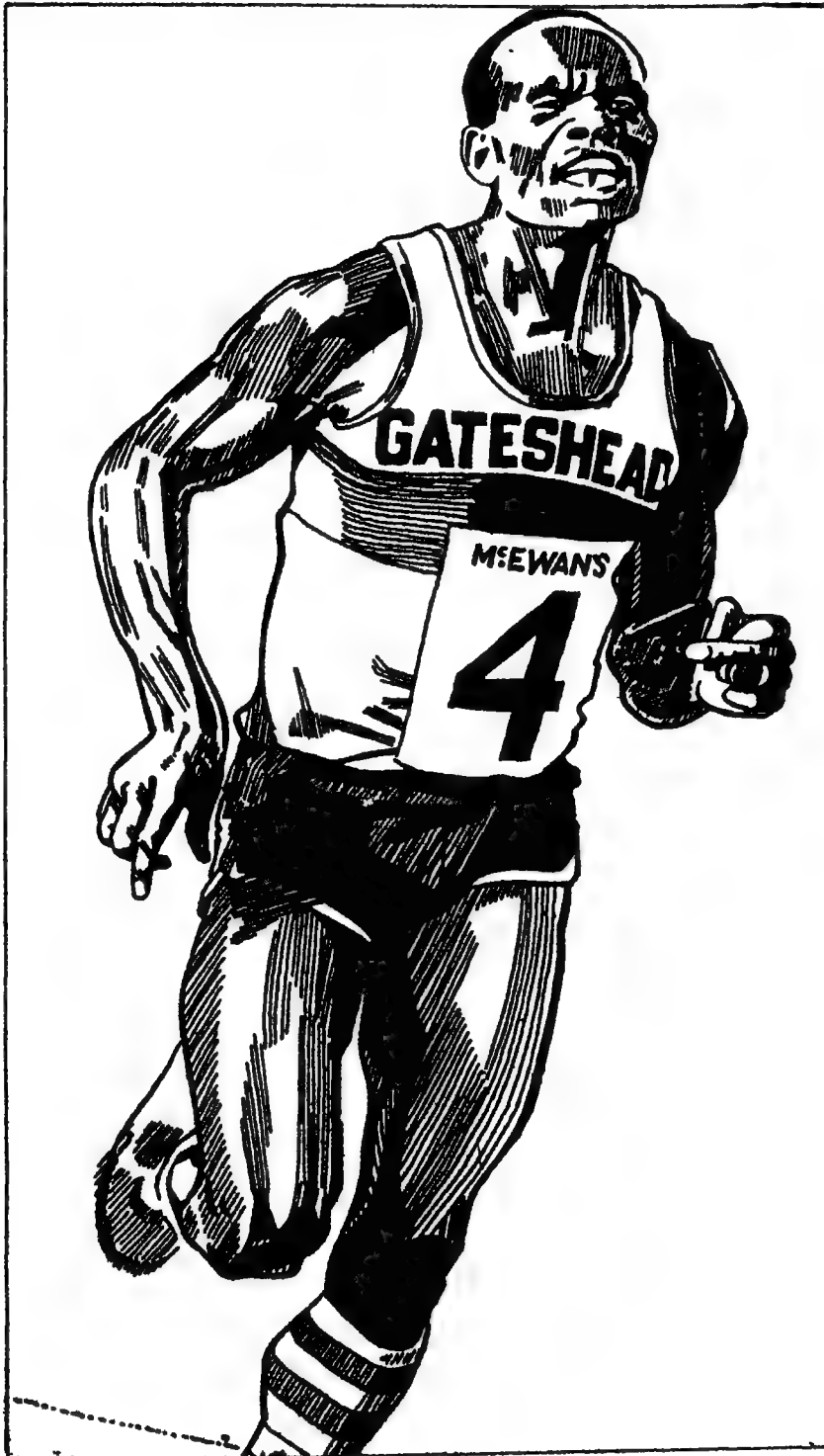
From Nairobi Rono returned to his home at Kiptaragon village in the Nandi Hills. Then came personal tragedy - his 5 year old son Nixon died in a Nairobi hospital.

A tradition of Olympic medal winning was set by Kenyans Naftali Temu, Kipchoge Keino and Amos Biwott (and continued at the Los Angeles Olympics by Julius Koinert).

But the Kenyan team was recalled from Montreal in 1976 in an African boycott over New Zealand's sporting links with South Africa. And Rono missed the 1980 Moscow Olympics when Kenya pulled out over the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan.

Few athletes are medal contenders for three Olympiads and last year Rono failed to make the Kenyan team for Los Angeles.

After the disappointment of Montreal Rono, who had enlisted in the





HENRY RONO

army after completing secondary school education went to the United States on a track scholarship at Washington State University Seattle

Under the guidance of coach John Chaplin the lanky Kenyan performed well on the American inter collegiate circuit

In 1978 Rono, who had been the last qualifier for Kenya's Montreal team made sporting history by setting four world records

His streak began on April 8 1978 at Berkeley California when he ran 5,000 meters in 13 minutes 08.4 seconds, taking 4.5 seconds off the world record of New Zealand's Dick Quax

On May 13 200 people at a rain soaked meeting in Seattle Washington saw Rono run the 3,000 meters steeplechase in 8:05.4 cutting 2.6 seconds from the record Anders Garderud of Sweden set in Montreal

Next to fall was the 10,000 meters record held by fellow Kenyan Samson Kimombwa, when Rono clocked 27:22.5 in Vienna on June 11 improving Kimombwa's time by 8 seconds

16 days later in Oslo Norway Rono ran the 3,000 meters in 7:32.1, slicing 3.1 seconds from the record set four years earlier by Britain's Brendan Foster

Rono's achievements were honored by the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa in a special ceremony at the start of the African Games in Algiers in July of that year

Rono won gold medals at the games in the 10,000 meters and the 3,000 meters steeplechase

He completed a year of triumph when he was named Man of the Games at the XIth Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada in August, after winning gold medals in the 5,000 meters and the 3,000 meters steeplechase

Among his many awards was the Order of the Burning Spear, presented



Rono has not yet given up hope of returning to top-class running. "I'm going to lose 10 kilos and take six months to get into running shape," said Rono.

by the late Kenyan President Jomo Kenyatta a few days before his death

But 1979 proved a poor year for Rono, who performed disappointingly in events in Europe and the United States

The off form Rono missed the first African athletics championships in Dakar Senegal in August 1979 and was not selected for the African team for the World Athletics Cup in Montreal the same month

Rono had aimed for three gold medals in the Moscow Olympics After the disappointment of the boycott Rono stayed away from major meetings for the rest of the 1980 season

The year 1981 started badly when

Rono was left out of the African team for the World Athletics Cup in Rome He went to Europe on his own and after improved results including 13:12.5 in the 5,000 meters then the second best time ever recorded, earned a place in the team

He was selected to run the 5,000 meters but insisted on competing in the 10,000 meters instead - or not at all Team officials would not budge and Rono packed his bags and flew to Scandinavia

On September 13 in Bergen Norway he lowered his own world record for the 5,000 meters to 13:06.2

Rono was billed as one of the star attractions of the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane Australia but he withdrew at the last moment and failed to defend his 5,000 meters and steeplechase titles

The years 1983 and 1984 produced few exploits to speak of

Now Rono needs assistance The Kenya Amateur Athletic Association is considering his case to see if it can help

"I am completely jobless," Rono said. "I have been looking in vain for something to do and I have talked to the athletics authorities but nothing has come up after six months of trying."

Rono has not yet given up hope of returning to top class running "I am going to lose 10 kilos and take six months to get into running shape," he told the Daily Nation newspaper in Nairobi. In September 1985 I will be running big time if God is willing

Rono hopes to make a comeback in the 10,000 meters, and possibly in the marathon, he is doing cross country road running His 31 years do not worry him he says

"I am making a promise to myself to return and make good on the track. It is my own decision. In running I know what to do."

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



By David D'Souza

IOA—Public Enemy No. 1

If ever there were a superstar who shot to fame overnight, it is the honorary secretary of the Indian Hockey Federation and the Bombay Hockey Association, Kishen Lal Passi.

This tall, genial man of Punjabi stock, who in his earlier days of stewardship to the once premier sport of the country was supposed to toe the line drawn by his superiors, has suddenly fluffed out his chest, ruffled his feathers and cocked a snook at some of the armchair top brass of Indian sport at the Centre.

And, justifiably, the press have been going great guns in backing Passi to the hilt.

It all began two weeks ago when the date, the venue, and the people contesting for the presidentship of the Indian Hockey Federation were announced.

The Indian Olympic Association who earlier were asked to see that the Indian Hockey Federation runs a smooth course, after the resignation of the former president, Inder Mohan Mahajan, have decided that merely checking on the IHF is not enough. They want a bigger share of the cake.

Hence Vidya Charan Shukla, the president of the IOA, is flexing his political muscles, and is making a vain attempt at 'fixing' the IHF elections, which are to be held in the second week of May, in Bombay.

And all these moves indicate a point of fact, that a police officer from Punjab, K S Dhillon is being pushed into this fray with the blessings of those within the corridors of power.

'The Indian Olympic Association have not had enough after taking over the weightlifting association, and their shoddy performance therein has been reported in this publication ten times over.'

Now it is the turn of the IHF, an autonomous body, to fall into the line of attack of the IOA.

Raja Bhalendra Singh, who is the interim president of the IHF has, as a senior journalist put it, 'been used as a cat's paw to V C Shukla.'

The IHF secretary, Passi, has constitutionally convened the agenda for the annual general meeting, and in doing so has conformed to the unanimous wishes of the Paighat Executive Council, and he has circulated the agenda to all the affiliated units.

But now, obviously with Shukla holding the pen, Raja Bhalendra Singh has dispatched a telegram, which reads, 'The IHF election meeting announced by you on May 10 is not acceptable to the IOA.'

This is a ridiculous statement. Since when have the IOA decided to meddle with the IHF constitution? The IHF is an autonomous body who do not have to kow tow with anybody, and of late, have been dealing with the sports ministry directly.

The telegram, further adds, 'The IOA has specifically told you not to hold the meeting in Bombay. Request cancel immediately May 10 meeting. You may please visit Delhi at once for discussions with me and the president (IOA) for convening an emergency meeting of the IHF executive committee at Delhi to decide on a fresh date and venue for the election meeting. Urgent that you comply with all requirements.'

The preface of the telegram also wags a doomsday finger at Passi. It says, 'Since the government has stopped financial and other assistance to the IHF, and are only working with the IHF through the IOA.' Passi better be aware.

It is a threat administered to Passi, and the IHF secretary has veritably discarded it with unusual aplomb.

The IOA president, Shukla, is trying to wreck these democratic conventions and is using his dictatorial powers to reduce the IHF elections to shambles, and in putting his own men up for the prestigious post, he will make a mockery of not only the conventional democratic rights of all

autonomous sports bodies, but will also create ill will among genuine lovers and administrators of this and any other sport.

Instead of making amends for past omissions, both lawfully and unconsciously, they will drive a deeper wedge between the players and the administrators, making the selection of a good team a farce.

If they can rig elections, they will have no qualms at seeing sons and relatives in the team, so what if they do not know the basics of the game?

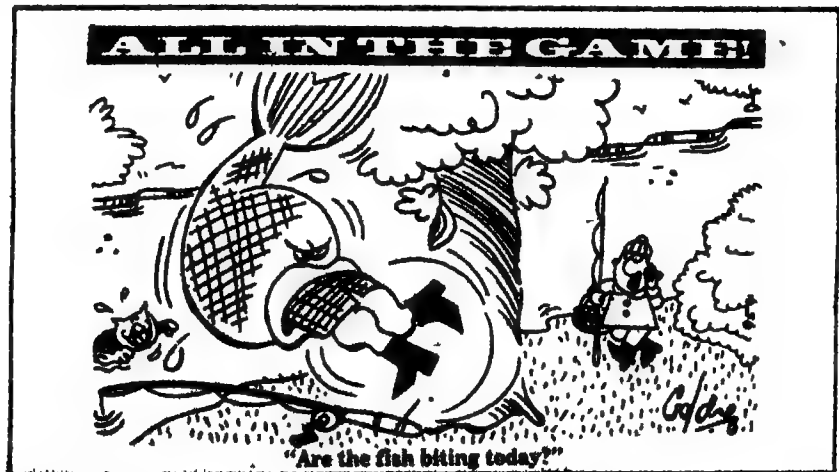
Thus in the fray are Aslam Sher Khan, former Olympian and an M.P., former IHF presidents, Inder Mohan Mahajan and MAM Ramaswamy, and K S Dhillon.

Mahajan and Ramaswamy, along with Prof Gursevak Singh had opposed a suggestion initiated by Ashwini Kumar that the IOA suspend the IHF and take over control of the sport. Ashwini Kumar's 16 year-long rule in the IHF was terminated by a Ramaswamy coup.

Passi is standing firm at the commitment of holding the elections in Bombay at the same date, May 10. He said, 'The venue of the AGM will not be changed. The IOA has no business to interfere with the normal working of the IHF.'

However, Ramaswamy is certain to return to the helm of the IHF and no amount of manoeuvring is going to change this fact. He is backed by more than 22 of the 32 affiliated units.

As they say in the parlance associated with the turf: Put your shirt on MAM. The guy will romp home unrivalled.





PIA soar after a shaky start

By David D'Souza



PIA's striker Mumtaz Haider (right) bangs into the goal past AISB stopper Sukhdev Singh (left), in PIA's 6-0 victory in the main league

Hockey is not dead. The fact is brought out loud and clear at the Bombay Hockey Association stadium. And the Bombay Gold Cup Hockey Tournament is being patronised as it was a decade ago.

And the coffers are filling up happily for honorary of the BHA, K.L. Passi, who was a disappointed man, when he realised that no sponsors were willing to put their money for the tournament, which in recent times, had hit rock-bottom.

The bringing in of Pakistan International Airlines to participate in this tournament has paid off, although the Russian select team that was supposed to arrive would not make it.

At the time of writing, the tournament has slipped into the semi-final stage, where Pakistan International Airlines will meet Tata Sports Club

and Indian Airlines will meet holders Army Service Corps, Jalandhar.

The tournament saw many well-established teams get the boot. The biggest of them all was Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, from Jalandhar.

The former champions had the same old faces, but they played in a pedestrian manners. So bad was their first outing against local H&R Johnson that the crowd hooted them all the way. Although Nanjappa shot home the winner in the first half, their play in the second session could not be deemed as good, and the reason the local outfit could not score was their being overawed by the opposition.

Their next match against another local team, Central Railway was wholesome agony and it seemed that they had reserved their efforts for the tie-

breaker, which was duly won by EME, although Central's 'keeper Iqbal Mirza brought off some excellent saves.

In their last encounter before bowing out of the tournament against All-India State Bank, they played downright stupid and the tie-breaker went into the favour of the Bankmen.

They could convert only the ten strokes in the decider. EME lodged a protest later saying in the dying minutes of the match, the umpire should have awarded a stroke for Eme as their striker nanjappa's stick was hooked by a bank defender. The protest, was duly thrown out.

Sports Hostel, Lucknow were a good side. they have youth on their side and their movements with the ball was accentuated by the fact they had speed and superb penetration.

After getting past Signals (Jaland-



AISB skipper Jaswinder (right) watches a Haider shot go out in the PIA-AISB encounter

har) by a solitary goal, they vanquished Bombay Customs 4-3, and Jagatjit Cotton and Textile Mills 2-0. However, their play against local challengers Tata Sports Club fizzled out.

Not only a penalty stroke went away for them, but Tata 'keeper Olympio proved to be a big thorn in the Sports Hostel flesh. After Jagbir had put the Hostel team ahead, in the first session, Nasir Khan, the Bombay House skipper equalised with a superb stinger.

The match thus went to the tie-breaker and Olympio, under the Tata bar was the hero. This was the day that the Lucknow boys will like to forget. Just nothing went right for them. No penetration and no flourish, and against the experienced campaigners like Tatas, there was no way out.

North Eastern Railway, with more than eight former sports Hostel players, had a shaky outing from their first encounter itself. They narrowly beat Indian Navy 10-9 via the tie-breaker. Mohd. Naeem was a much harassed man, in this match, and he had to take a lot of pressure alone on the frontline. Against Bihar Regiment too, they faltered on several occasions, but they managed to oust the northern team 10-9 via the tie-breaker again.

However, their luck did not hold out against the champion club of the country, Indian Airlines, who thrashed the life out of them in their last encounter. IA sent back the railway team

by trouncing them 7-1, and Mohd. Naeem was the only player who scored the redeeming goal.

MECOM, the Ranchi team, who were seeded straight into the fourth round had a look-in into the tournament and went out AISB being their nemesis. Army Service Corps accounted for Air-India going down 0-3 in the third round.

Thus the main league had Indian Airlines, Tata Sports Club and Mahindras and Mahindras, in Group 'A', while Pakistan International Airlines, Army Service Corps and All-India State Bank in Group 'B'.

PIA, with nearly nine Olympians in their side brought the biggest crowd to the ground the day they met ASC, and the memories of their Aga Khan vic-



IA's Gursharan Singh attempts to sweep before Mahindras Marcelus Gomes (left) can cause damage. Francis D'Mello (right) watches



Gursharan flicks the ball away to safety from a Mahindras threat near the IA goal

tory in 1983 at the Bombay Gymkhana grounds. They were all there: Mumtaz Haider, the tall, lean striker who plays on the lines of Hassan Haider; Ayaz Mehmood, Khalid Hamid. And the massive crowd expected the neighbours to run through the army men. But ASC are made of sterner stuff. And they showed it to PIA when they held the airline team to a 0-0 draw.

And surprisingly, the crowd was not at all partisan and they enjoyed the matches to the full. The only disturbing piece in the otherwise good match was when M. Bage, the right back of ASC and Ishtiaq Ahmed were ordered off the ground in the later stages of the match.

India and ASC custodian Romeo James came in the way of many a gallant try by the PIA. Haider and Salim Sherwani on the right wing were the most frustrated men, while for ASC, national keeper Shahid Ali Khan of PIA made all the difference between victory and defeat.

It was a sorry state of affairs as far as umpiring was concerned and Satinderpal Singh Walia made matters worse. He failed to award ASC a stroke in the last couple of minutes of the match when Shahid committed a

serious offence.

Indian Airlines, on the hand, took care of Tata Sports Club 3-1. Vineet put them up via the penalty corner, and Zafar consolidated the lead soon thereafter. Tatas reduced the margin via a 'gift' penalty stroke and Gabriel Lweis converted the the award. Tatas did everything to get the equaliser, including playing hard against Merwyn, Grewal and Hardeep.

Indian Airlines, the club that has been sweeping all titles before them has the best centre-half and the forward line in the country with as many as seven internationals in their side. After their 3-1 victory over Tatas

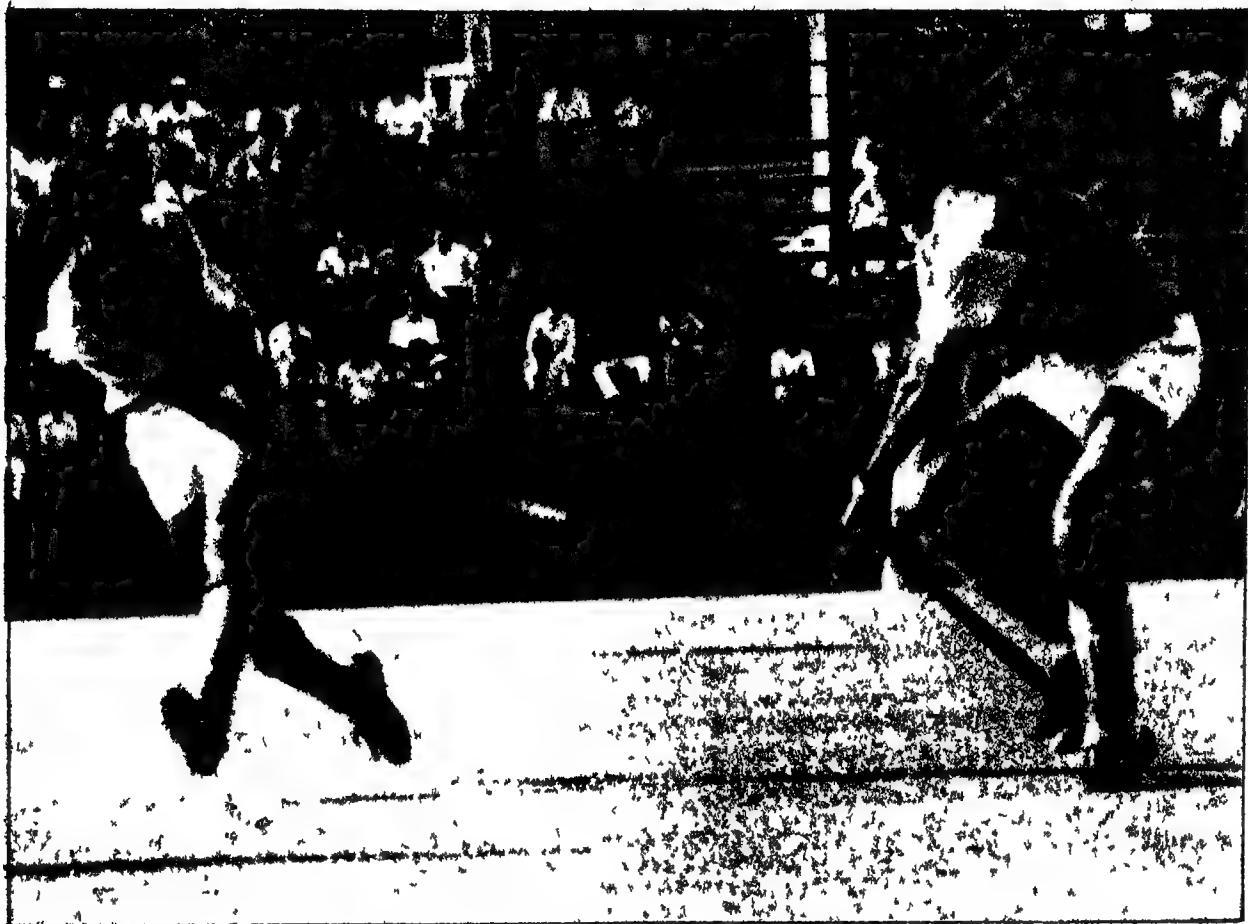
I.A., the club that has been sweeping all titles before them has the best half-line in the country

Sports Club Indian Airlines took on Mahindra and Mahindra, and this local outfit too, did not last long. They were trounced 0-4.

Indian Airline got an entry into the semis, but the fight was on for the second spot. Tatas and Mahindras fought for it, but it was the most insipid ever seen. Tatas needed only a draw to move into that semi stage as they had a better goal difference, while Mahindras wanted a win. Kaushik and Nasir Khan scored for Tatas. Their ploy of haphazard positioning to check the Mahindras attack paid off, but Mahindras pushed into Tatas territory and scored through Somaiya and Francis D'Mello.

No amount of forays into the Tatas exerted to keep their citadel intact, and Mahindra and Mahindra's champions of 1982 went down and out of the tournament. PIA, after their drawn match against ASC, found their groove the next day and swamped All-India State Bank 6-0.

All factors indicate a clean victory for the foreign team and nothing short of a miracle will stop the PIA from lifting the huge trophy and flying away on their silver wings to their home across the border.



TOP: Tata's Clarence Lobo shoots goalwards past IA's Sujit Kumar. **BELOW:** Reginald of Mahindras watches IA 'keeper Neelkamal kick the ball to safety



PICS: Jaggi Gupta and Gopal Shetty



China all the way

By Deep Smash

IT WAS China, the badminton giants all the way in the sixth Asian Badminton Championships held at the 15 000 capacity Stadium Negara of Kuala Lumpur last week

Zhao Jianhua the Chinese celebrity who turned 20 on the final day got a memorable birthday present from compatriot Yang Yang

Zhao won 15 10 5 15 15 6 his fourth major singles title after the Scottish Open Japan Open and the prestigious All England in the past six months

Fleet footed Zheng Yuli who had outwitted the Korean girl Sang Hee Yoo in the semi final, defeated the dour Qian Ping 11 7 12 9

All England champions Joo Bong Park Moon Soo Kim have been showing the consistency somewhat similar to the yesteryear duo of Tjun Tjun Wahjudi Indonesia when they beat the Sidek brothers to win the gold medal

The euphoria of the men's singles final was evaporated when a controversial line call decision by a hesitant line judge helped Yang Yang to meet compatriot Zhao in the finals. Nevertheless Icuk sugiarto of Indonesia who was in command right through led 14 12 in the second and again 13 7 in the decider. He relaxed and has himself to blame for his down fall

The Indonesian and South Korean officials expressed their displeasure in euphemism about the sub standard umpiring and line call judgements

Though India got a 0 3 thrashing from South Korea in the team events after getting a walkover against Nepal it turned out to be a fairly good tournament from the Indian angle

Vimal Kumar National runner up who never got his bearings in the team event tie against Joo Bong Park a lean Korean gave a commendable performance in the open events by extending Zhao Jianhua, the newly crowned All England champion to three games. Vimal lost 15 11 6 15, 6 15

Vimal's deceptive tosses and base line clears totally perplexed Zhao in the first game. Zhao, a conjurer, changed tactics and smashed directionally forcing Vimal to commit errors in the next two games

A stint of hard training in London has certainly done good for this dedicated lad. The Chinese coach Hou Jianchang eulogistically commented 'Vimal has the making of a top class player'

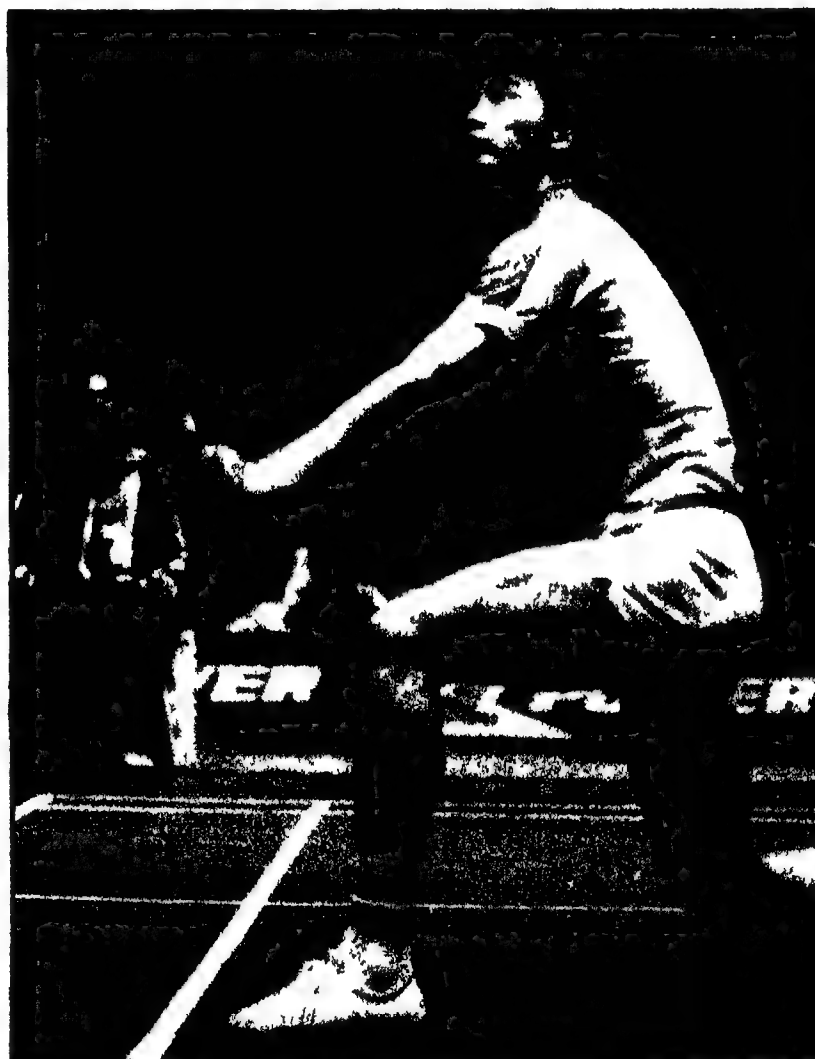
Another creditable performance came from National doubles champions L D Sa Sanat Misra reaching quarter finals where they lost to Malaysians the trial combination for the 1986 Thomas Cup of So Goon Chup Ho Khim Soon 7 15 15 9 4 15. D Sa Sanat earlier beat the Chinese pair of Li Mao Xi Biao in straight games 15 9 15 6

Sanat Misra was flattened by Luan

Jin in the men's singles pre quarter finals 6 15 1 15. Icuk Sugianto, a robust Indon had the slower Luan Jin who is on a comeback trail after 10 months lay off due to a back injury and left ankle sprain scurrying around the court like a novice in the quarter finals

In the women's singles, Indian entrants Madhumita Bisht Ami Ghia, Deepthi Thanekar and Hufnsh Nari man failed to cross the first round

Madhumita the National champion who had beaten Elizabeth Latief of Indonesia in the Swedish Open Tournament last month lost 8 11 6 11



Zhao Jianhua... fourth major singles title in six months.



Jalani and Razif Sidek... fetched the only consolation victory in the doubles.

Ami lost to a little known Malaysian 2-11, 4-11

Deepti who has the potential to become a top player, succumbed with out any semblance of a fight to a Chinese 1-11, 1-11.

Uday Pawar lost in the second round to an unknown Thai player Somkiat Sonthinen 11-15, 14-17.

Partho Ganguli was defeated by Ong Beng Teong, the hero of Malaysian 3-2 victory over South Korea in the semi-final of the team event, but not before giving a fright to the gutsy Malaysian in the first game. Partho lost 15-6, 8-15, 5-15.

The other Indian men's doubles pairs lost in the pre-quarter-finals to Malaysian, Chinese and South Korean No. 1 pairs.

China reigned supreme in the team championship beating Malaysia 4-1 in the final

Sidek brother, Jalani-Razif fetched the only consolation victory in doubles when they got the better of Chinese Zhang Qiang and Zhou Jiancan, the Swedish Open champions.

Indonesia had fielded their second string team with the exception of Ickuk Suglarto beat South Korea for the third place.

The reason for Indonesia not sending their best players could be that their top players and top officials of their national body were purported to be at loggerheads with each other. Besides, the fear of their own public whiplash prompted the association to send only one top player Ickuk Suglarto for the ABC Championships.

Indons certainly would return home with a lot of confidence with the emergence of a new world class player Hendry, a five foot, three inch diminutive fighter

Hendry's diving returns are winners. That exactly baffled Zhao while playing him in the team events Zhao lost 15-12, 10-15, 6-15. Eddy Yus Of, Indonesian coach said that the study of Frost-Zhao, All-England final from 6-13 to 13-13 in the decider, helped Hendry for his morale-boosting win in this tournament

But to many in Kuala Lumpur, Zhao's defeat as an All-England champion was no surprise. Stadium

Negara had always been a jinx to the All-England champions. Like Liem Swie King, Morten Frost, Prakash Padukone etc. in the past

Badminton is the most popular sport in Malaysia. This game gets media coverage, somewhat like what cricket gets in India. Misbun Sidek's earnings are second as a licensed player from Asia after Prakash Padukone. It is learnt he makes Malaysia dollars 22,000 per month (about one lakh rupees) including sponsorships, too

Rashid Sidek, the second youngest son in the Sidek family (Abdul Rahman Sidek is the youngest and a very promising youngster too) is a world class player. His tenacity, patience and all-round game supplemented by amazing fitness that too at 17 years, is praiseworthy

This tall lad who won the finals of boys singles and doubles in his debut in KL now yearns for a chance to play in the Thomas Cup soon. He is even considered to be a possible successor to the all-time great Rudy Hartono and Liem Swie King

Knowing the Chinese strength and proper approach, the Indonesian association has woken up and has formed a committee of seven experts to put the Indons on the right path. The task of this committee is to collect data and keep track of badminton developments and from there plan and formulate new policies and training concepts to improve the game

How could we follow the right path? When could we carry out plans for the future? Who would re-animate Indian badminton?

Each is a million dollar question. Isn't it?

ALL IN THE GAME!



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"Would you like to inform Colonel Blimpington that we are going to hunt foxes — not tigers?"



QASIM ZIA

Confidence personified

Q ASIM ZIA is no stranger to India. As skipper of the Pakistan International Airlines team which is currently playing the Bombay Gold Cup, this is his sixth visit to India. "I feel perfectly at home. The language, the features of our people are so identical", he says.

The 23-year-old Pakistan right back is tall and robust with a strikingly fair complexion. On the field he exudes confidence with his adept tackling, powerful hitting and deft passes. Off the field he is an unassuming, mild-mannered gentleman and devout too. The first time, I knocked at his door, he was pre-occupied with his evening prayers, after a tiring game in the evening.

Qasim Zia's rise in stature on the Pakistan hockey scene has been phenomenal. From a promising young 19-

year-old left back, who played second fiddle to the redoubtable Manzoor Sr., he has now graduated to become the mainstay of the Pakistan team. He played a significant role in Pakistan's success in the Los Angeles Olympics.

Excerpts from an interview with him.

Q: When did you start playing the game?

A: I studied at the Atchison College, Lahore, which is one of the best in Pakistan. There participation in sports was compulsory. Till my college days, I used to play all games without concentrating on any sport in particular. After college, I went for the Pakistan International Airlines under-19 colts selection. I was selected. In 1980 I played for the Pakistan junior side and by the year end, I was playing for the national senior side.

Q: Pakistan was not fancied to win the hockey gold at the Los Angeles Olympics. How did you'll bring about that miracle?

A: Actually it was not a miracle. At Los Angeles we had to play on superturf to which we were not adjusted. We had always trained on astro-turf. We didn't fare well in the initial rounds because our boys found it difficult to adjust themselves to the new surface... and also because of a slightly casual attitude. But once we reached the semis the entire team really worked hard and in the last few matches they put their heart and soul into the task. We really went all out and it paid.

Q: You have played in different parts of the world. How do you find playing in India in front of Indian crowds?

"There is more tension while playing in India though I must say Indian crowds are very sporting and appreciative"

A: The crowd turnout in India and Pakistan is larger than anywhere else. There is more tension playing in India though I must say Indian crowds are very sporting and appreciative. Even at the Asian Games at New Delhi, initially the crowd supported the home team. But once we had struck with three goals, they knew we were the better side on that day and cheered us.

Q: Whom would you rate as the best side at present?

A: At present, I think Australia and India are two very good teams... of course Pakistan also.

Q: What do you feel about the idea of holding benefit matches for our former internationals with teams from both countries participating?

A: I think it is a very good idea. But it shouldn't be India versus Pakistan.



tan because then both teams want to win or avoid defeat at any cost. The match will then lose its entertainment value which a benefit match must have. We can have two mixed teams comprising six from Pakistan and five from India in one side and vice versa. In that case not only will the game be interesting and entertaining but the beneficiary will also gain.

Q: What about annual Indo Pak hockey Tests?

A: If we can have annual exchanges of hockey teams in Test series it will help much in promoting the sport and the relations between our two countries.

Q: Is it true that Pakistan hockey players are so over trained that they burn out fast and become stale?

A: It is not true at all. In fact we haven't done any training in the past three months. We've been resting.

Q: Why is it that we of the sub continent have been poor in converting penalty corners?

A: India has produced good penalty corner specialists. In one of the recent tournaments Rajender Singh emerged as the top scorer. Vineet Kumar is also good. But now with this new concept of the goalkeeper rushing out to narrow the angle, penalty corner conversion has become very difficult. The technique was innovated by the Europeans but ultimately we are going to benefit from it. We had recently gone on a foreign tour. We played 30 matches and did not concede a single penalty corner goal.

Q: How do you find playing on artificial and natural turfs?

A: There is lot of difference between the two. On astroturf it's easier to stop the ball. And the ball moves at great speed which makes the game faster. On grass it's difficult to stop the ball and the game is relatively slower. I think as far as international matches are concerned, grass surface is finished.

Q: What is your ambition?

A: When I started playing, my ambition was to win the Olympic medal which was fulfilled at Los Angeles. Now I don't have any ambition in particular.

Q: Captaining Pakistan?

A: Yeah, you can say that. Though there are people senior to me.

Q: If winning an Olympic gold is so satisfying, wouldn't leading Pakistan to victory in an Olympics render greater satisfaction?

A: True. If I get it, well and good. The next Olympics are in 1988. I don't really know whether I'll last that long because playing on astroturf is very



taxing. It demands tremendous fitness.

Q: What other sports do you play?

A: I seldom get time to play any other game. In my spare time I prefer to just relax. When I am in Lahore I do go on some occasions for a game of squash or a swim.

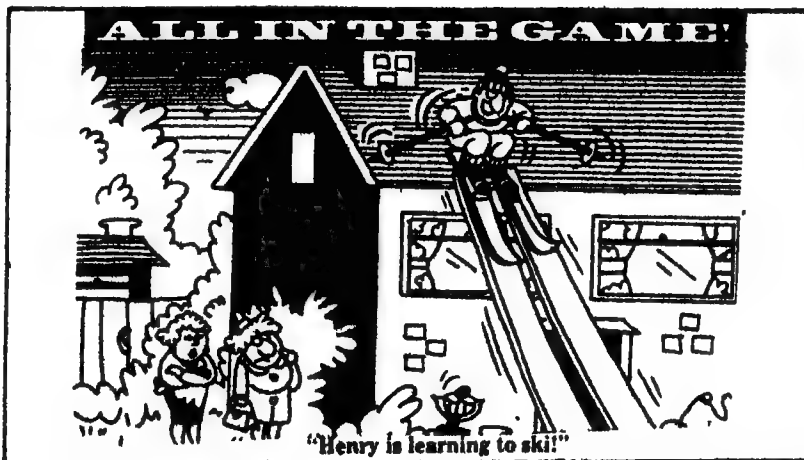
Q: Hobbies?

A: Music. I like light classical music in the form of ghazals. Indian and Pakistan songs. I don't like western music.

Q: How do you rate your chances in the Gold Cup?

A: I am really not in a position to assert. We have come with a raw and inexperienced side. We have never played together. In fact the first time most of us met was at the airport while coming here. Most of the players are from the Pakistan junior side and they have been playing on astroturf. Secondly we are in our off season and badly short of practice. So there will be some problems in adjusting to the new combinations and the playing surface. We will do our best and inshallah we should succeed.

KUMAR KRISHNAN



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BFI's latest brain-wave

By Jimmy Mehta

EVERY once in a while the Bridge Federation of India has a brain wave. Its latest is the Khichdi method of team selection. For the men's team the Khichdi was of a pairs trials, a team trials and arbitrary selection for the women's it was a pairs trials and arbitrary selection with emphasis on the latter.

The brilliant new idea as glibly presented was that after an arduous trial the selectors were empowered to dislodge a week winning pair and replace it with a stronger one. Sounds fine doesn't it? But who are our Selectors? They are all gentlemen for sure and once have said that of them you have said the best that you can.

One of them will frankly concede that his assessment of a rummy hand is way ahead of his assessment of a bridge hand. Another is supposed to be an expert on bidding but admittedly has no clue to dummy play or defence. The third is a player with National laurels to his credit but like his brethren remained locked in an ivory tower whilst the trials were progressing.

None of the selectors saw the players at play. None cared to enquire about the nuances of the conventions used or the reasons for the bids and plays the players made.

Not long ago the Bridge Digest held an opinion poll to find out who was best qualified to act as non playing captain or coach of the Indian Men's team and the Women's or for other connected positions. There was a wide response to the poll but not the breath of a whisper about any of the three selectors. Their names did not figure at all.

The sentiments of the Bridge world are eloquently conveyed in a telegram sent by the Maharashtra Bridge Association to the BFI.

Maharashtra Bridge Association takes strong exception to the manner of implementation of the new selection methods for the international teams.

The selectors were conspicuous by their absence during the women's trials and are hardly qualified to assess performances merely on the basis of hand records and hearsay. The breakup of six pairs into eight individuals arbitrarily excluding four players of whom three are from Maharashtra exceeds the mandate of the selectors as per earlier BFI circulars, is legally untenable and morally reprehensible - Selection by committee as against se-

lection by performance is at best a dubious method. When the committee's decisions are seen to be unjust the method itself is open to question.

May we have justice please. Letter follows.



Avinash Gokhale

Avinash Gokhale President
25/3/1985 Maharashtra Bridge Association

There has been no reply.

One is repeatedly assured that the selectors assiduously studied all the hand records. But are they qualified to judge? Can they assess in vacuum? Are they omniscient?

Small wonder that cries of 'Mama Ka Kaka Ka' rent the air. This year the men's team has escaped the scourge of this cry but it has caught the women's team in a vice.

The selectors were authorised to select three pairs out of the first six but they have selected six players out of the first twelve. They have dislodged Bimal Sicksa-Shaili Mahajan which is one of the best women's pairs in the country and has held its own in open events. Not long ago this pair was the architect of India's team's success in a semi-final encounter against the famed Poysha team. Needless to say it carried its team to victory and this pair played without rest.

The women's team as selected consists of

- 1 Mrs Kalpana Mishra
- 2 Mrs Kundu
- 3 Mrs Leena Mayadas
- 4 Mrs Shiloo Thadani
- 5 Mrs Rita Choksi
- 6 Mrs Nina Bannerjee

The first two pairs finished first and second in the trials. There was a move afoot to throw out Shiloo Thadani but Leena Mayadas whom some rate as the finest woman player in the country blasted out. Here are excerpts from a letter she wrote to the President BFI.

It was with the greatest disquiet that I learnt from Mr Phadke of the decision of BFI to make up the Ladies Team for Karachi from a list of 8

individual players.

I cannot protest too strongly against this arbitrary procedure. The BFI circular clearly states that the team would be chosen from the first six pairs of the Butler Trials. It is surely unprecedented that the conditions of contest should be contravened so blatantly.

The feeling is also that in a game which is above all one of partnerships, responsibility towards one's partner necessarily also reflects in team spirit. It is not individual brilliance but team performance which counts in the end and do the selectors imagine that a player who is all too ready to drop his or her partner without a good reason and simply perhaps in order to get onto a team could be a good team mate?

I need hardly add that the doubts that arise from such procedures are not likely to do the game in this country any good whatever.

Personally if invited on the team I cannot accept without my partner in the trials. It would be grossly unjust to her and set a most unfortunate precedent. This is not to say that I would not be prepared to play with any other players in the overall interests of our team but it is impossible that I should agree to go as an individual.

The BFI knuckled under. It included Shiloo Thadani in the team but Leena's basic point was unanswered and unanswerable.

The selection of players and not pairs exceeds the mandate of the selectors. One can not gain say that Rita Choksi is perhaps the best woman player in the country but she was partnered by Prabha Kanatkar in the trials. It should have been either Rita with Prabha or neither. Likewise Nina Bannerjee has been selected without her trial partner Ursula Garg. As a pair they have always performed well and have fine understanding. They should have been selected as a pair or not at all.

Speaking for myself I cannot but agree with V Phadke one of the selectors who thought that the first three pairs should have been sent. To have thrown out qualified pairs was bad enough. Doing so by a majority of two to one was worse.

The last straw was the break up of pairs. This is both illegal and immoral. Nay it shocks one's sense of justice.

To be continued



By Frank Wright

He was the champ – but he never trained for a fight!

THERE was only one interest in the life of Albert Griffiths, born in the dockside slums of Sydney, Australia Fighting

But then life itself was a fight, a constant fight for survival. From his earliest recollections young Albert had been forced to fend for himself and by the time he was a teenager he had learned that his fists had only one really effective use – as a means of self defence.

He never learned to read or write because he never went to school. His only source of revenue was the few coppers he earned selling newspapers in the streets.

He was only a little chap and life would have been intolerable – had it not been for the fact that he knew how to use his fists. Those two fists became his stock in trade, the visa to a happier and more affluent life.

Young Albert, small as he was, earned the respect of all his pals in the "Rocks" gang. The Sydney docks district was then infested with gangs, many of them notorious for their lack of regard for law and order. But Albert Griffiths – Young Griffo to his urchin pals – refused to have anything to do with thuggery.

STAND-IN

He would fight – how big they were didn't matter – and was the champion of all the young newspaper sellers in the Sydney streets.

One night he walked into the local boxing hall to shelter from the rain. Hearing that one of the fighters had not turned up, young Albert offered to stand in. It was the turning point in his life. From then on his future in the professional boxing ring was assured.

By the time he was 18 he was talking about becoming the world featherweight champion. He found a sponsor who took him to America to challenge Ike Weir, the champion.

The lanky, gangling Irish American turned a deaf ear to all entreaties. Then Ike Weir lost his title to the Australian Billy Murphy and immediately Young Griffo went after BOTH men.

Eventually he enticed Ike Weir into the ring – and knocked out the former champion in the 14th round.

Now for Murphy – but Murphy wasn't interested. So back went Griffo to his homeland, certain in his own



He was always prepared to take on anybody...

mind that sooner or later he would force the champion to face him in an Australian ring.

CHALLENGE

On a July day in 1890 a large crowd gathered at Sydney to await the berthing of a liner from America. Among the passengers was the returning world featherweight champion, Billy Murphy.

And among the crowd was young Griffo, the former street urchin from the Sydney dockside slums, the lad who had become one of the world's finest featherweights and wanted Murphy's two titles more than anything else that life could offer him.

He was there to issue a personal challenge to the champion to demand a chance to prove himself the best featherweight in the fight game.

Billy Murphy was not an Australian at all. Born of Irish stock he had lived all his boyhood in New Zealand and had only moved to Australia to find more ring opposition.

Having won everything he could in his adopted country he had gone to America and there gained the greatest prize of all – the championship and the valuable Richard K. Fox gold belt.

Young Griffo wanted that belt as well as the title, but he was no arrogant bully and he realised that he must act with dignity. So he asked the boxing reporter of a Sydney newspaper to introduce him to Murphy.

The introduction was duly made. But there the formalities ended.

Murphy stared contemptuously at Griffo and then drawled in an affected American accent, "Say, kiddo, they tell me you're pretty smart in the ring."

It was deliberate patronage and young Griffo reacted to it. "Cut it out, Murphy!" he rapped. "I'll fight you for your title and for that brass belt you claim to own, anywhere you like and the sooner the better."

Murphy cut him short with a sneering retort. Next moment young Griffo strode forward, fists bunched. Had it not been for some of the more diplomatic members of his party, the fight might have started there and then.

A few weeks later, in September 1890, they were glaring at one another from opposite corners of the ring before a packed Sydney crowd.

Now many of them were sitting at the ringside ready to cheer themselves hoarse in support of their pal.

ODD PAIR

The fight started quietly, with both men fending for openings. What an oddly assorted pair they made. Griffo was short, stocky and powerful. He looked remarkably fit, too – yet he had not trained for the fight.



By Ken Rosewall

An intriguing theory

SOME YEAR ago a man asked Rod Laver - after we had just won an important doubles tournament - What do you do Rocket when you badly need a point?

With a straight face Rod always a man with a dry sense of humour answered I put up a short lob and Kenny volleys a winner off their smash Round about that time the famed English sports writer Peter Wilson saw me hit two winning volleys off then dening smashes by Tony Trabert in a Wimbledon semi-final

The next morning I read his word The Rosewall volleys off those two smashes weren't anticipation they were clairvoyance

Both men were mixing over emphasis with fact Naturally I was pleased though I had always been faster thinking and moving than my rivals Other than that the quickness was a great asset and I didn't think very deeply about it Neither did I wonder why I played tennis with my right hand but played golf and wrote with my left I still do

Those were the days when we all played tennis because we loved the

game though it would be stupid of me to suggest the money wasn't very important It was But not so much as no wadays when a man or woman can pick up more than half a million dollars a week in some of the tournaments and a \$1000 000 first prize is quite a common thing

Understandably with prizes which provide a lifetime of financial security now commonplace ambitious international tennis circuit competitors are more than ever in history taking the greatest notice of any and everything that they think will make them better winners

Right now it is the computer designed diets which are dominating the lives of Martina Navratilova and Ivan Lendl that are the most talked about things The news which I think may follow is what interests me a great deal It concerns left-handedness

Professor Norman Geschwind of Harvard University was working on a research which may well prove left handedness is an asset when he sadly died relatively recently

Primarily whether you are right or

left handed is decided by your genetics, and is formed before birth With out going into details the left hander obtains some qualities which are advantageous and some which are not The right handers also receive some advantages and suffer disadvantages None of us have any personal control over this. If you are a lefty, you have a more than normal chance of becoming a surveyor, for example

The reason why leftys enjoy benefits are variable Navratilova and McEnroe score for a practical reason Harmonic action produces inner changes of left right brain balance, which gives left handers certain vulnerability to some things and strengths to others, in the case of athletes, a superior spatial sense, which enables them to see where a ball is going to land faster than right handers

This, of course, means all other things being equal In the case of Navratilova and McEnroe they are generally gifted, so that their quickness superiority lifts them above the field It is an intriguing theory

I wonder what would have happened if I'd played left handed?

SENSATIONS OF SPORT...

Griffo had never believed in training He declared that his early life had toughened him and the only 'training' he needed was in the ring itself - fighting for money

Murphy on the other hand was a physical freak Tall, gangling and so thin that it seemed a puff of wind would flatten him But he was tough and he could fight like a demon when he was roused

He was roused without any doubt in the second round of that fight with Young Griffo After a quiet first round the two men really got going and although Griffo had earned the reputation of being a brilliant defensive boxer, this was a grudge fight and his fists began to hurt and anger Murphy

From then on it was a grim, ruthless battle - but it soon became obvious that there could only be one result As round followed round the champion tried everything he knew to fight off the onslaught of his grim-faced challenger.

SORRY SIGHT

Although Murphy managed to last out the 15 rounds he was a sorry sight when the fight ended and Young Griffo was declared the winner on points

The boy from the slums was champion of the world - champion of his own country too Then came startling news from America They refused to acknowledge Young Griffo as world champion They had awarded the title to George Dixon

Young Griffo was furious and demanded a second fight with Murphy, to prove to the world that his first victory was no fluke

Murphy was just as keen to meet Griffo again but he could have saved his time In July 1891 the Sydney born Australian showed more seventy than ever in his determination to prove beyond all doubt that he was the better man Murphy had'n't a chance

He was still on his feet at the end of the "massacre" but he was battered into near insensibility

Young Griffo refused to accept the American ruling that he was NOT the world featherweight champion He had beaten the reigning champion - twice, so what more could he do? He knew the answer - travel to the United States and prove that he was a worthy champion

THREE DRAWS

His second visit to America was a triumph He won fight after fight and became an idol with the crowds At last came his chance to meet the man the Americans claimed as the World champion - George Dixon

In fact, the two "champions" met three times - but on each occasion the result was declared a DRAW! Griffo was robbed of the title that was rightly his

Never again did Australia see the tough little fighting man who achieved such high honour for his country He continued to fight in America for some years, but his biggest fight was against himself He earned a small fortune - and spent the lot on drink It finished him He died in 1927 in an asylum



PRE-WORLD CUP QUALIFYING MATCHES



India redeemed their campaign in the Pre-World Cup matches by beating Bangladesh 2-1 at Calcutta after drawing the matches with Indonesia and Thailand by an identical margin, 1-1. Here are some pics. of the India-Bangladesh encounter.

Bikash Panji's spot kick is saved by Bangladesh 'keeper Md. Mohsin. BELOW: Camilo Gonsalves (left) scoring the winner for India after beating Mohsin in the goal.



India's Abdul Majid tackles Badal Roy (20) of Bangladesh. RIGHT: Aashish Bhadra is embraced by his colleagues for scoring Bangladesh's lone goal.



Universities make a clean sweep

ALL India Universities made their debut in the Federation Cup Volleyball Tournament at Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu) a memorable one by coming out with flying colours.

They finished with an all-win record in the four-team Super League beating Railways, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Universities were taken to the fifth game by all their three rival teams who, however, had to finally bow to the superior physical condition of the youthful side which had undergone rigorous training at the NIS Patiala for some weeks and which had won the Volleyball Federation of India Departmental National and the Nellore Friends All-India Tourney at Madras before going to Tirunelveli.

Universities, who had sought affiliation to the VFI but had failed to gain it, were permitted to play in the Federation Cup in 1984. But they did not field a team. This year, since the Universities team had been in training for the World Universities tourney at Kobe, Japan, it was hurled into the Federation Cup, and it emerged from the acid test glittering like true gold.

Railways had beaten Universities in three straight games in the preliminary group round robin. But in the Super League, they found Universities a different lot, full of fight and full of go. Universities simply refused to be beaten, in the deciding set, railways were leading 13-9 only to see the Cup rudely snatched away from their eager lips.

Towering twosome Sandeep Sharma and Sukhpal Singh proved a veritable wall. Cyril Valoor and Udayakumar found their smashes coming back to roost. As though the booming guns of Sandeep and Sukhpal (best spiker of the tournament) were not enough, Venkatrama Reddy came up with several deadly smashes and shrewd placements. Suresh fed the firing guns with his neat boosting. Ravinder Pal Singh served bafflingly.

It was not Railways' day. Perhaps they had been complacent, and they had not rested enough the previous night having seen the town the whole day. Though they fought back to take the third and fourth sets to level the scores, they wilted in the last-Ditch battle for want of enough stamina. Cyril Valoor, declared the Best All-Rounder of the Tourney, was somewhat of form. The Railway spikers became diffident to spike. When their smashes boomeranged and they resorted to placements, and even that in vain.

Seasoned India booster Manoharan let Railways down. Balamuralidhar, who had scarcely been needed in the

His smashes didn't carry much weight. And he was erratic too. Railways found themselves unable to push themselves to that extra bit. The back-court defence invited trouble. The rear-court was pounded by Sukhpal and company. The defeat (6-15, 11-15, 15-11, 15-12, 13-15) in this the first match of the super league proved decisive. Railways finished second with two wins. Tamil Nadu were third with a victory over Kerala who finished fourth.

Kerala looked a powerful team on paper, but they disappointed. Jimmy George, of course, proved a titan. Spring-heeled Jimmy proved a giant at the net with his explosive smashes but lacked support from his colleagues. His younger brother, Sebastian George to some extent played well. Chacko was not the potent force that he used to be. It was thanks in the main to Jimmy George that Kerala were able to take Universities to five games and to take a game off Railways.

Tamil Nadu, who had not qualified for the Federation Cup (only the quarter-finalists in the men's National

Championship and semi-finalists in the women's were eligible to take part) but had been included as they were the hosts, gave a pleasing performance.

Tamil Nadu were without three of their star players Kahleemullah, Krishnaiah and Mathew Joseph, who were not available and M.D. Augustine, who had a dislocated shoulder and yet gave Universities a hard time and pulled off a surprise victory over Kerala who had trounced them in the preliminary league.

Tamil Nadu's star performer was former India booster Chithrapandian. He gave a truly inspiring performance and richly deserved the 'Best Booster of the Tournament' award and the other gifts that he received. Venkatesan of the Armed Police (Dharmapuri) turned up trumps, spiking with verve and gusto.

Mahendran, Theagarajan, Alagesan and Charles also gave good account of themselves at the net.

ALLROUNDER

THE SPORTING LIFE



ONCE A FLY-FISHERMAN, ALWAYS A FLY-FISHERMAN.

**MEHAR CHAND**

In need of more exposure

IN the 2nd and 3rd attempts the bar bell rolled over his body and he thus stood eliminated from snatch. But in the 4th attempt he applied all his grit and will power & lifted 140.5 kgs 0.5 kgs more than Sood's national record.

In the jerk he started with 170.5 kgs 0.5 kgs more than Baldev Singh's record of 170 kgs. And in successive attempts he successfully lifted 175, 180 & 185 kgs all in itself new records.

This is how failure enthused Mehar Chand to create in one day as many as six records and win over all championship in 90 kgs category at 37th National Weightlifting Championship in 1985 in Calcutta.

Born in Goda Khera village in Jhunjhundi district in Rajasthan, Mehar Chand graduated from school in 1971 and joined the Army. In school days he was interested in kabaddi and took part in 1969 in the Inter State Kabaddi Meet for Rajasthan.

Chand longed to go in for wrestling but found no support, no avenues for it.

And then one day weightlifting coach Piara Singh asked him if he would like to involve himself in weightlifting for in him Singh saw a potential of a good weightlifter.

Mehar Chand in 1972 found himself in the weightlifting arena.

In 1974-75 at junior national at Kakinada in the 75 kgs category he won the championship. In 1976 at senior national in Burnpur (West Bengal) he earned the bronze medal. He continued to wrestle silver till 1978.

In 1979 he did not take part in the national meet because during the time his son died.

In 1980 he joined the race once again at the Senior National Delhi and he claimed the gold with 125 kgs (snatch), 157.5 kgs (jerk) and 282.5 total. All three were record lifts.

In 1981 he participated at Asian Weightlifting Championship, Nagoya, Japan in the 82.5 kg category and finished 4th. During 1981-82 National Meet at Cochin he claimed overall gold with 265.5 kg as record.

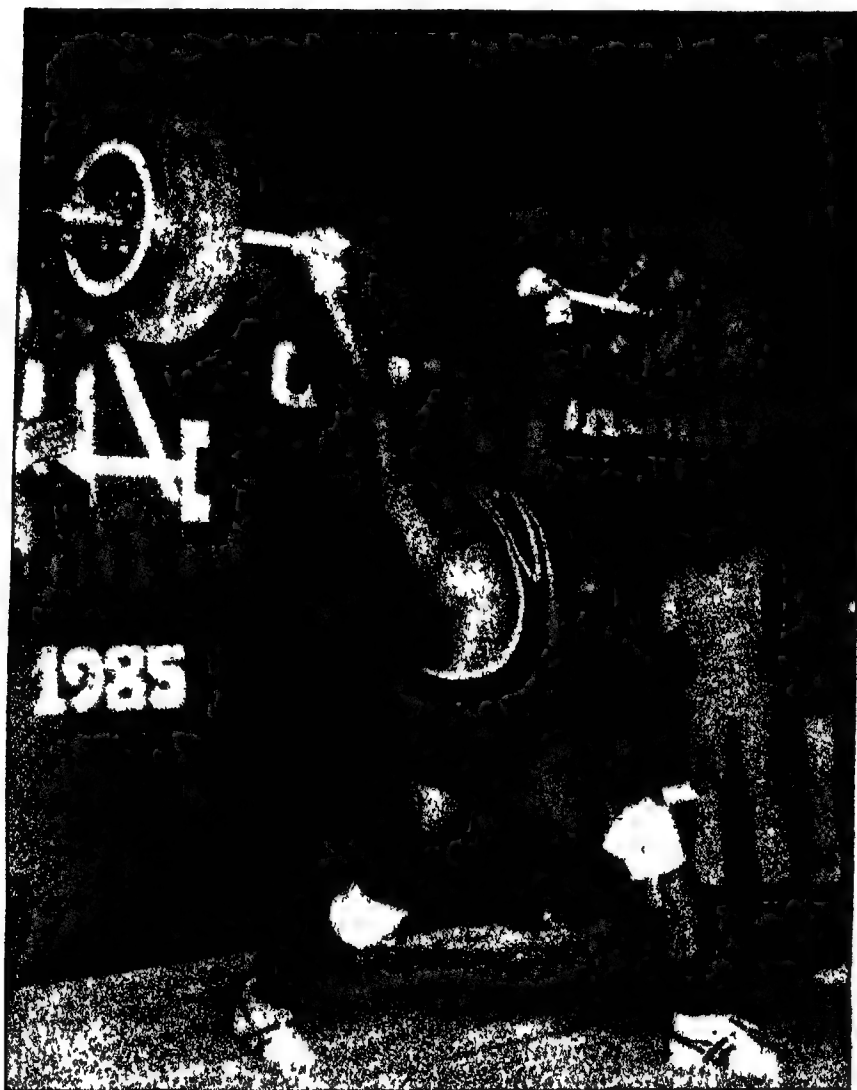
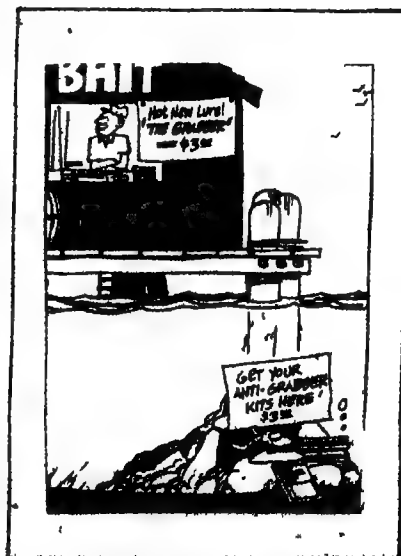
In 1982 he participated in the Pakistan National Games and claimed the gold lifting 285 kgs.

In 1982 at the 12th Commonwealth Games, Brisbane, Australia he stood 4th. In 1982 at Trial Games for the Asiad he won bronze.

But he did not take part in Asiad for he got very little time to practice.

In 1983 in the National Games at Madras in 90 kg group he won gold with 300 kgs lift. And at the National Championship this year at Calcutta he added many more feathers in his already ready over-crowded cap.

TRIBHUVAN BHAGAT

THE SPORTING LIFE**Mehar Chand**

Fielding needs to be improved

A SUPERB batting display by Raju Pednekar helped Panjim Gymkhana 'A' to score a 21 run win over Chowgules in the four day finals of the Goa State Cricket Tournament at the Bandodkar grounds in Panjim.

Raju recorded the highest ever individual score (229 not out) in the Goa Cricket Association tournament when Gymkhana made 378 in their first innings.

Raju was ably supported by Gerald Delani who made 31 to put on 88 runs for the first wicket. A second wicket partnership of 184 between Raju and Mahesh Desai (45) then placed Gymkhana in a commanding position. But thereafter Mukund Desurkar and Harish Lengde bowled well for Chowgules to claim four wickets each as Gymkhana collapsed from 274 for 1 to 378 all down.

Raju was in complete control of the proceedings as none of the Chowgule bowlers could make any impression on him. He hit 26 fours and exhibited the kind of staying power that the other Goa batsmen will have to develop if they are to do well in the Ranji Trophy matches next season.

He times his strokes sweetly and never attempted a rash stroke. Raju was the top scorer (82) for Dempo College in the All Goa Inter-Collegiate Semi-finals against Engineering College. Engineering however defeated them and went on to win the finals against MES College, Vasco. Siddharth Amonkar (74) was Engineer-

ing's top scorer in the finals.

Chowgules conceded a first innings lead of 84 runs to Gymkhana for whom Parekh, Mayenkar, Salkar Raju Pednekar and Mahesh Desai bowled well to restrict Chowgules to a total of 294. Parekh was the leading wicket taker with 3 for 41. A well made 40 by Raju Pednekar and a good contribution of 35 by Vallabh Haldankar enabled Gymkhana to make 161 in their second innings. Chowgules had to get 251 for a win in just 31 overs.

Suresh Mahadevan and Namdev Fadte went all out in their bid to bring a win for Chowgules but in the end they were all out when 21 short of the target. Gymkhana displayed rank bad fielding as they missed a number of run outs and stumping chances and floored no less than six easy catches. Luckily for Raju Pednekar all his excellent work was not undone by all these blemishes. Mahesh Desai however did well to capture four wickets.

A first innings lead of 66 runs over a strong Vasco XI helped Gymkhana to reach the GCA finals after a long time. Gymkhana failed to achieve an outright win by just 14 runs. Aditya Tarcar who played a fine innings of 130 was largely responsible in taking Gymkhana's first innings total to 250.

What was gained by Aditya was strengthened by Mahesh Desai who bowled extremely well to take 7 for 51. Mahesh also acquitted himself creditably with a second innings knock of 51. Raju Pednekar who scored 45 in the

first innings remained not out with 55 in the second innings to become another significant contributor to Gymkhana's success in the semi finals.

Chowgules beat Bardez Gymkhana by 344 runs to make the finals. They declared their first innings at 481 for 9 with Promod Rivonkar (111), Harish Lade (81) being their outstanding batsmen. The great upset of the tournament was the defeat of the former Goa Champions Salgaocar at the hands of Cricket Club of Ponda early in the competition. CCP won the match by five wickets but their progress was halted in the quarter finals where they lost to Bardez Gymkhana.

Panjim Gymkhana's achievement this season has been quite noteworthy. Raju Pednekar, Mahesh Desai, Aditya Tarcar and Sharad Pednekar can be expected to be called for the coaching camp to select the Goa team, for the Ranji Trophy next season.

The other members of the winning side will have to work hard to improve their fielding as with good fielding Gymkhana would have won the finals handsomely.

One of the well known former Gymkhana plyers told me that although Gymkhana won the Championship their pathetic fielding in the second innings made him believe that they and not Chowgules had lost the finals.

— AJIT K. MOYE

Discipline is a must

CHANDU BORDE, former captain of the Indian cricket team and presently Chairman of the Selection Committee of the Cricket Control Board of India said that concentration, determination and discipline played an important role in achieving excellence on the field. He said that the cricketers dedicated to these qualities can put up the best performance in any other vocation as any one can do.

Borde was addressing a huge sports gathering at Fertilizernagar on the occasion of awarding the trophy to the GSFC Cricket team for the GSFC Invitation Industrial Cricket Tournament played between ONGC and GSFC.

The function was attended by Mr. Kishanchand, former test player, Mr. Dattaji Geekwad, former captain of the Indian cricket team, GSA Vice-presidents, Mr. D.B. Patel and Dr. M.B. Chitale and the large number of Ranji

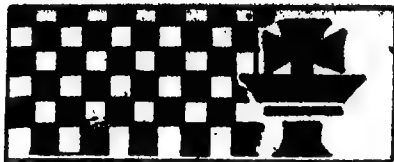
trophy players and their fans. This is the fourth trophy GSFC cricket team has bagged in succession during the current year.

Commenting on the one day internationals which have become very popular among the crowd, Borde said that although one day internationals provided plenty of entertainment and excitement. It did miss the techniques

of the 5-day Tests. He, however, added that the astounding success achieved by the Indian cricket team in the world championship matches could be attributed to excellent team work, discipline and concentration on the field. "At no time the Indian team was so united as it was today", he added. He complimented GSFC for its solid contribution to the development of cricket and other sports.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





CHESS

By R.B. Sapre

FERDINAND HELLERS, not much known outside his native Sweden, shot into the lime-light with his well deserved victory in the European Junior Championship, Groningen (Holland) 1984-85.

In the 32-player, 11-round Swiss the final top standings were: Hellers 9 1/2 (better tie-break) Romero (Spain) 9 1/2, 011 (USSR) and De Wit (Netherlands) 8 1/2.

Before the final round Romero led the field, but was beaten by Hellers in the following game

Hellers - Romero

1.e4, c5 2.Nf3, d6 3.d4, cxd4 4.Nxd4, Nf6 5.Nc3, g6 6.Be3, Bg7 7.f3, Nc6 8.Qd2, 00 9.Bc4, Bd7 10.h4, Rc8 11.Bb3, h5 12.000, Ne5 13.Bg5, Rc5 14.f4, Nc4 15.Qd3, b5 16.e5, Ng4 17.exd6, Rxc5 18.hxg5, Nf2 19.Qe2, Nxd1 20.Rxd1, Nxd6 21.Qd3, Bg4 22.Rd2, Qb8 23.Nd5, Qb7 24.Nc3, Nc4? 25.Bxc4, bxc4 26.Qxc4, Rb8 27.Qb5! Qc7 28.Nd5, Qd6? 29.Qc6!, Qd8 30.Qc5, Rb7 31.c3, e6 32.Nc6, Bf8 33.Nde7ch, Qxe7 34.Nxe7ch, Rxe7 35.Rd8, Kg7 36.Qe5ch, 1-0.

12...Ne5) Sicilian Dragon. This the critical position of the variation 11...h5 to stem White's Pawn-roller

13.Bg5) Spassky-Mestel, London 1982: 13.Bh6, Bxh6 14.Qxh6, Rxc3! 15.bxc3, Qa5 16.Kb2, Rc8 17.Qd2, Qb6 led to complications.

13..Rc5) Kayumov - Blodstein, Tashkent 1984: 13 a6 14.g4!, hxg4 15.h5!, Nxh5 16.Nd5, Re8 17.f4, Nc4 18.Qd3, Bb5 19.Nxb5, axb5 (If 19 Nxb2? 20. Nxe7ch, Rxe7 21.Qxd6) 20.e5!, Qa5 (Or 20...dxe5? 21.Nxe7ch, Rxe7 22.Qxd8ch etc) 21.e6!, f5 22.Rxh5!, Nxb2 23.Nxe7ch, Rxe7 24.Qxd6, Nc4 25.Qxe7, Bb2ch 26.Kb1, Na3ch 27.Qxa3!, Qxa3 (Not 27.Kxb2?, Qc3ch 28.Kxa3, Ra8ch mating or 28.Kc1, Qxc2ch! mating) 27 Qxa3 28.e7ch, Kg7 29.e8Q!, Rxe8 30.Rd7ch, Re7 31.Bxe7, 1-0

Belyavsky-Ubilava, Minsk 1983: 13..Nc4 14.Qe2, Na5 15.Kb1, Nxb3 16.axb3, Re8 17.Qd2, a6 18.Bh6, Bh8 19.g4, e5 20.Nde2, hxg4 21.h5, Nxh5 was drawn (54).

14.f4) The main alternative is 14.g4?

17.exd6) 'Kurs Dyebutov' quotes Ljubojevic-Miles, 1970: 17.Ne4, Rd5 18.Nxd6!, Ncxe5! with equal chances.

17...Rxc5) The temporary exchange sacrifice removes the dominating Bishop and is stronger than 17..Nxd6 18.Qe2.

20.Rxd1) The Knight must be taken. Bad is 20.dxe7?, because of 20...Nxc3 21.exf8ch, Qxf8 22.bxc3, Qa3ch 23.Kd1, Bxd4 24.cxd4, Bg4 pinning the Queen; or 21.bxc3, Qa5 22.exf8ch, Kxf8 with similar threats, including 23...Qxc3.

21 Qd3) If 21.Ndxh5? Bg4 wins the exchange the move threatens Black's

g-Pawn also, e.g. 21...Qb8 22.Qxg6, e6 23.Qxh5; or 22...Nc4 23. Qe4.

23.Nd5) In the notes in "New In Chess" Hellers says he was unwilling to go in for 23.Qxg6, e6 24.Qd3, Nc4 25.Bxc4, bxc4 26.Qxc4, Qxf4; or 26.Qe4, Qb6 and 27...Rb8 when Black has active play for the Pawn.

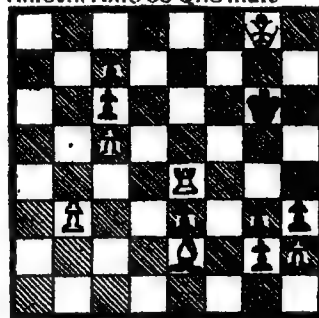
24.Nc3) Hellers says he wanted to try 24...Qb8 25.Qxg6 as he could not think of anything better.

27.Qb5) 27.Nb3 retaining Queens on the board was an interesting alternative.

28..Qd6?) He should have exchanged Queens (28...Rxb5) relying on his two Bishops to make up for his deficit of a Pawn.

32..Bf8) The Black Queen is caught, e.g 32..Qf8 33.Nde7ch, Kh7 34.Rd8.

36.Qe5ch) A pretty finish; 36..Kg8 37.Rxf8ch, Kxf8 38.Qh8 mate



White to play and win



BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

BY virtue of Sicka's superior performance in the qualifying league, they started off the Maharashtra team selection finals with an eighteen I.M.P handicap against Poysha's team. After sixty four deals Poysha covered the handicap - but only just. The result was an exactly equal tie. A further eight deal play-off saw Poysha squeak through by one I.M.P. However, the fate of the two teams still hangs in balance because of a protest on one of the deals:

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	Q1043		
	865		
	J62		
65	N	KJ4	
87	W E	AKJ96	
QJ973	S	102	
K854		A103	
	Q10972		
	52		
	AK4		
	Q97		

W	N	E	S
(Padhye)	(Campos)	(Shreed)	(Avi)
		harani)	(Chokhale)
		1C (precis	1S
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Padhye's '3D' bid offered Sicka its last chance of a plus the final contract suffered an ignominious fate. After a spade lead and continuation a two-trick set was inevitable but one more trick went in the wash and it was plus 150 to Poysha.

In the Open room the auction was bizarre

W	N	E	S
(Ambrish)	(Tavkar)	(Choksi)	(Kejriwal)
		2H	1S
Dbl	P	1P	P

Ambrish meant his double of '1S' as negative. According to Choksi it was for penalties.

Tavkar enquired about the meaning of the double but Choksi was per-

plexed and went into a trance. Finally Tavkar abandoned his query, thinking it might serve to assist the opponents more than his side. Choksi finally left the double in and it was Kejriwal's turn to make enquiries. Choksi now declared that the double was for penalties. A heart was led and after taking two hearts Choksi shifted to a diamond. Kejriwal took his high diamonds and exited in the suit after which the inevitable one trick set ensued.

The Director was summoned and informed about the wrong explanation. Ambrish asserted that the double was negative whereas Choksi maintained that though the partnership played negative doubles in some situations, this was a penalty situation. The convention card was examined and found to be silent on this point. The Tournament Director A.D. Kantak decided to let the result stand. Six I.M.Ps to Poysha.

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RACING

By Railbird

Dr. M.A.M. - Racing phenomenon

AN international racing phenomenon That is what Dr M A M Ramaswamy is The country's largest and most successful owner (while he may, not be the biggest ever in the history of racing in the land he is undoubtedly the biggest winner) he gained world wide recognition when he found a place in the Guinness Book of Records following his 100th Classic victory That entry will have to be updated from issue to issue as he continues to lead in Classic winners

Ramaswamy led in his 127th Classic winner in Udhagamandalam last week when his Goldie Brown cantered home in the Nilgiris Fillies Trial Stakes which he had won in 1979 with Nicolette, 1982 with Birthday Girl and 1984 with Prima Facie However, his colours were not carried to victory in the Colts Trial which was claimed by the unfancied Ok Sir

A tremendous financial capacity to purchase good quality bloodstock and to maintain a large stable is not the sole reason for Ramaswamy's phenomenal successes He is an excellent judge of horseflesh, a top class handicapper who knows how to place his horses advantageously

Apart from that he spends much time over his racing string and as he is a close watcher jockeys are unable to pull the wool over his eyes He is not content to allow his trainers, he has several of them, to advise him on the purchase of youngstock nor does he sit back and allow them to have a free

run of the establishment He is very much involved in the management of his string and as he has considerable expertise he is highly successful

Despite his fantastic successes it will be wrong to describe him as the king pin of Indian racing, for he does not fully measure up to that status Ramaswamy's successes are mainly confined to the south and though he has also been successful in Calcutta he has never been a force in Bombay nor has he been a dominant personality in the Indian Turf Invitation Cup

Tradition and usage, rather than monetary value, determine the three most coveted, most prestigious racing prizes in the land They are the Indian Derby, which is run in Bombay and which is older than any of the other regional Derbys the summer Bangalore Derby and the Indian Turf Invitation Cup which is held annually by rotation at the respective headquarters of the five Turf Authorities of India Ramaswamy's successes in those races have been relatively negligible

Ramaswamy has never won the Indian Derby and though he was a joint owner of Linden Flora, who won in 1978 the only time his colours have been carried to victory in an Indian Classic were in 1979 and 1983 when his Own Opinion and his Tribute, respectively claimed the Indian St Leger in Pune

The only time he has won the Bangalore Derby was in 1967 when Tudor Jet triumphed and his sole success in

the Invitation Cup has been with own opinion who won a thrilling race from Royal Tern in Bombay on 1979

It is in the three races which matter most that Ranjit V Bhat reign supreme He has won the Indian Invitation Cup, the Indian Derby and the Bangalore Derby three years in a row with his Commanche, Squanderer and Manitou and he has won the Indian Derby for a fourth time with Mohawk His successes are mind-boggling because he races a moderate string of horses who are not bought at fancy prices

Despite his awesome record and his undoubted popularity, Ramaswamy's many betting coups are not generally looked upon favourably and the fact that Fair Court (Rock of Gibraltar-Star Witness) who won him his first-ever South India Derby in 1970 and who was the beaten favourite in the 1970 Invitation Cup which was won by Loyal Prince in Bombay went out of his ownership and still races at the age of 19 in the lowest classic also held against him

To return to Goldie Brown She is now unbeaten in six races and as she is by Satinello Dusty she is full sister to Red Cockade and there is reason to believe that she will emulate him He won from his first seven starts, the last of which was in the Bangalore Colts Trial Stakes which he won in record time

He was so short priced in the Bangalore Derby that it was impossible for the average punter to bet on him and he had a round the clock police guard for a good week before that races

That was so because it was widely known that a certain Bombay-based illegal bookmaker stood to lose a considerable fortune if Red Cockade won and there was a fear that he would be got at. He was vulnerable at the racecourse stables but at the Palace stables he had to walk some distance on public roads to come to the racecourse for his morning work.

The precautions turned out to be unnecessary Red Cockade was well and truly beaten by the Jagdish ridden Commanche who gave Ranjit V Bhat the first of his three consecutive successes Richard Alford created unnecessary additional tension by making a rather stupid attempt to win the race for Red Cockade in the stewards room

Bridge

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The Sickas were in a quandary They were eager to appeal the ruling but most members of the Appeals Committee had left Sangli and a make shift committee would have to be formed consisting of people less qualified than the Tournament Director Kejriwal paid Avinash the highest tribute he could "You judge" he said "I'll bide your judgment We are not appealing"

Avinash pondered and pondered some more The time for an appeal had run out He had a sure thing When the result of the match was declared he had it surer His team had won the legal right to represent Maharashtra

"Tell you what" Avinash told Kejriwal after the match "We'll refer it to some one in Bombay and if the decision is against us, my team will stand

down for you r s

The burden of finally deciding fell on yours truly I decided that there had been misinformation but the protestants had failed to make out a case of damage so there was no reason to disturb the tournament directors ruling However, Poysha deserved a one point penalty for having failed to fill out its convention card properly I suggested an eight deal replay

The replay was won by Sicka by seventeen IMPs and Sicka will represent Maharashtra at Nainital

Avinash lost his case in the judge's room but he has won a lot more a reputation for fair play and sportsmanship which will linger many years after people have forgotten who represented Maharashtra in Guru Dutt 1985

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Riyadh - 11514, Saudi Arabia
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gifts

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115, Juni Kasera Bakhal,
Indore - 452 002
Music drama, penpals

Prabir Kumar Sinha - 22

Mahapravu Para, Nabuduiip,
Nadia (W B) - 741 302
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Madhya Pradesh 495 004
T T swimming, acting, gardening

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bay 400 018

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Allahabad 211 001
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Kanke Road, Ranchi 834 008
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Anjum Akhtar - 16

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Khagaul, Patna 801 105
Travelling, cricket, girl friends

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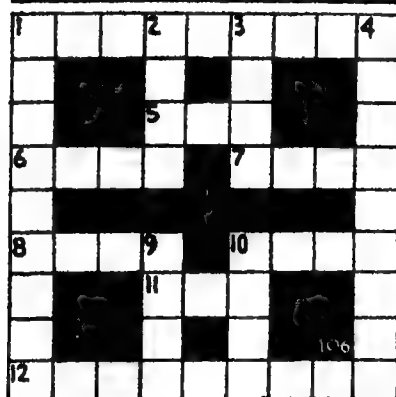
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- Who was the oldest West Indian to make his debut in Tests?
- Which was the first Test match to be the subject of radio commentary?
- Who was the first batsman to score a century before lunch in Tests?
- How many times has Abdul Qadir of Pakistan taken 5 or more wickets in an innings?
- What is the Test bowling average of Jeff Thomson?
- Who won the 5000 meters race at the 1974 Asian Games?
- What is the overall length of the javelin for men?
- For women what is the height of the hurdle used for 100 metres and 400 metres?
- What is the weight of a two man bob in a bobsleigh event?
- In the recently ended Santosh Trophy Football tournament how many matches were played altogether, and how many were drawn?
- Who was the top scorer of the Santosh Trophy tournament?

ANSWERS

1 C A Wiles, 40 years and 346 days
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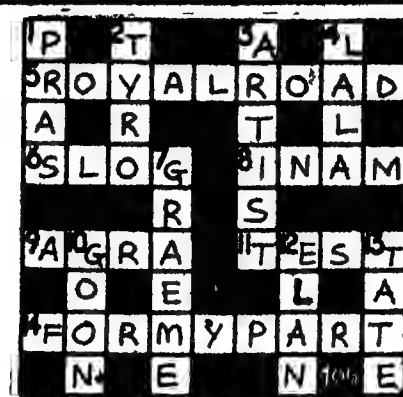
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- 1 What you exclaim with Australia's left handed opener on edge! (5 4)
 5 Charlesworth representing Radio Industry Council? (3)

- 6 Singh in cricket. Premjit in tennis (4)
 7 Well may the ball – the bat if you flirt with one outside the off stump (4)
 8 Cowans the logical follow up to Neither L nor S (4)
 10 Selected on condition? (2 2)
 11 Run for the ashes? (3)
 12 What Kim Hughes could have remained of Lefty Allan Border but failed to be (5 4)

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- 1 What Prasanna wasn't with the bat but was with the ball! (4 5)
 2 Superstar L plate behind car (4)
 3 West Indian Nayudu as candle lighter? (4)
 4 Not nights of youth but Chris in his prime (4 2 5)



- 9 The last of the Mohammad Brothers hums (4)
 10 In tune with his stature, Gavaskar used to build an innings – by but no longer does (4)

QUESTION BOX

Q. WHAT IS the highest score of India against West Indies, New Zealand, and Australia?

—Ratan Kumar, Shillong-3

A. AGAINST the West Indies 644 for 7 declared in the sixth Test at Kanpur in 1978 79

Against Australia 510 for 7 declared in the fourth Test at Delhi in 1979

Against New Zealand 537 for 3 wickets in the fifth Test at Madras in 1955 56

Q. WHEN and against which country did Graeme Wood of Australia make his Test debut?

—Dinesh Pradhan, Nagpur

A. GRAEME WOOD made his Test debut in 1977 78 against West Indies at St John's

Q. WHO HAS hit the fastest fifty in first class cricket?

—Ravi Shankar Saha, Calcutta

A. THE FASTEST fifty in first class cricket was scored by C C Inman of Leicestershire against Nottinghamshire at Nottingham in 1965 in only 8 minutes

Q. WHY IS South Africa not playing Test cricket now? How many Tests have they played and what is their performance? When did they play their last Test and against whom?

—Renu Upadhaya, Allahabad.

A. In 1970 South Africa was banned from playing cricket by all the cricket playing countries for its policy of racial discrimination

Till then it had played 172 Tests won 38 Tests lost 77 and drawn 57. They played their last Test against Australia in 1970

Q. WHAT IS the Test record of Vic Richards, Javed Miandad, and David Gower, also give their date of birth?

—S.Nagesh, Hyderabad.

A. AT THE end of the series against Australia recently Richards has played 73 Tests 110 innings 6 times not out 5579 runs 291 as highest 18 centuries at an average of 53.64. He has also taken 18 wickets in Tests

Miandad has played 68 Tests 108 innings 16 times not out 5044 runs 280 not out as highest 13 centuries at an average of 54.82. He has also taken 17 wickets in Tests

Gower has played 70 Tests 120 innings 11 times not out 4653 runs 9 centuries at an average of 42.68. His highest score is 200 not out. He has taken one wicket in Tests

The birth dates of the above mentioned cricketers are as follows:— Richards 7 3 1952 Miandad 12 6 1957 and Gower 1 4 1957

Q. WHAT ARE the dates of birth of the following cricketers: Fred Trueman, Madan Lal and Fazal Mehmood?

—Murtuza Deshganwalla, Ashish Kothari, Bombay-8.

A. FRED TRUEMAN 6 2 1931

Madan Lal 20 3 1951, and **Fazal Mehmood** 18 2 1927

Q. WHEN did Don Bradman retire from Test cricket?

— M.N. Damudi, (Bangalore.)

A. DON BRADMAN retired from Test cricket on 18th August 1948, against England at The Oval. He scored a zero in that Test match

Q. HOW MANY runs did Greg Chappell score in the 1972 73 series against the West Indies in West Indies?

— Kamlesh Barucha, (Bombay)

A. IN THE 1972-73 series against the West Indies Greg Chappell scored 342 runs in 5 Tests, and 8 innings, at an average of 48.86. He scored only one century in that series and held 6 catches

Q. WHAT are the birth dates of Syed Kirmani and Wasim Bari? When and against whom did they make their Test debut?

—Nadeem Akhtar Siddiqui, Ahmedabad.

A. THE birth date of Syed Kirmani is 29th December 1951 and that of Wasim Bari is 23rd March 1948

Kirmani made his Test debut in 1976 in the first Test against New Zealand at Auckland. Wasim Bari made his Test debut in 1967 at Lord's against England



MAILBAG

Financial comparison should be avoided

TODAY, INDIAN cricketers are really well off and their financial status is extremely sound. These days a Test cricketer gets Rs.14,600 per Test plus other perks and five star treatment. Indeed, they are well paid.

At the same time, it won't be fair to forget the old cricketers. Those days, our Test cricketers used to get very less compared to the present. It is true, that some of them are facing financial difficulty. As such they deserve to get some benefits from the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

It is good to see Polly Umrigar coming forward with a scheme which would help the old cricketers.

After studying his scheme (SW, April 10-16, '85) it seems he is asking a bit too much. It is also astounding to note the old cricketers have become conscious about what they received in the past and what today's cricketers get. Such comparison should be avoided.

Eventhough, in the past the cricketers got less, the cost of living was less. Cricket gear was very cheap. Today a good bat costs nothing less than Rs.500. So it is unfair to suggest that today's players get more. The present cricketers are professionals. They are the people who actually draw the crowds. I would, therefore suggest, BCCI on its own should offer cash incentives irrespective of their seniority.

—S.W. Fadnis,
Bombay - 400 004.

Stop this unwanted appealing - cricketers

IT WAS DISTRESSING to see the Ranji trophy champions indulging in some unwanted appealing. The close in-fielders of the Bombay team appealed for catches, which were obviously not genuine. The intention being to fool the umpires.

I do not single out the Bombay team for this sort of cheating. Almost every team is guilty of this offence.

What hurts one is that all top cricketers indulge in this sort of unfair tactics. The latest example being that of Imran Khan who did not walk out in the World Cup finals when the umpire failed to judge correctly.

This is a very bad example that senior cricketers are setting for the young-

er generation to emulate. Thus if we think on a long term basis, dishonesty in sports won't do any good. Sportsmen must therefore put an end to unfair means or unfair means will put an end to sports and sportsmen.

—Ravinder Pandit,
Juhu, Bombay.

Grossly unfair

THIS IS TO express my opinion against the manner in which the newly created benefits are very heavily favoured towards today's cricketers.

Already they are earning a tidy sum compared to the past cricketers. The benefit fund created by Abdul Rehman Bukhatir of the CBFS is a case in point.

This fund gives 50,000 dollars to the present day cricketers and 15,000 dollars to past cricketers. This is grossly unfair. At least monetary benefits should have been equal.

—Ashok Gupte,
Versova, Bombay.

Pras - a source of inspiration

INDIA HAS ALWAYS produced great spin bowlers like Subhash Gupte, Bishen Bedi, Chandrashekhar, Venkat and Prasanna. Pras has given his best as a bowler for India and now as a manager of the team.

Although Gary Sobers placed him only next to Gibbs he has played a significant role for India. He has been a source of inspiration to the younger players of our country. He very much deserved the benefit match. There could have been no better way of acknowledging his services to Indian cricket.

—P Ramesh,
Wadala, Bombay.

West Indies have a point to prove

WEST INDIES ARE doing well in the home series against the visiting New Zealand cricket team. They are doing so for they have a point to prove. They are indeed a tremendous outfit in one-day games. The results of the one-day series against the Kiwis tell their own story.

The West Indies have romped home with four straight runaway victories. The fourth one-day game at Port-of-Spain was highly one sided with Joel Garner cutting through the top half of the batting order. Our congratulations to these incredible players from the Caribbean islands.

—Kavita Basset,
Lucknow.

Distressing news from New Zealand

WHEN ALL THE Commonwealth countries have united to fight against the racist South African regime, there are those who put the spinner in the works.

These are the cricketers and rugby players who are enticed by fabulous sums offered by touts and agents operating surreptitiously.

New Zealand has always been in the centre of such controversies. There have been many cases of New Zealand having sporting links with South Africa, in the past.

Now we hear the news of the New Zealand Rugby Union's decision to send a team on tour to South Africa. Such actions are only going to weaken the stand against South Africa.

Due credit must be given to the New Zealand Prime Minister, David Lange, for opposing such tours. But it is sad to know that even a Prime Minister is powerless and cannot prevent such tours.

—Sunil Poduval,
Duddley, England.

Indian badminton is on the decline

THE RECENTLY concluded National Badminton, All England and the Asian Championship, have highlighted the decline of Indian badminton. The question that immediately arises is what are the factors clouding our talent?

Maybe our players worry about equipment, food, clothing and money. Yet, in the 50's and 60's we had good players like Dipu Ghosh, Dinesh Khanna, Suresh Goel and Nadu Natar.

When world badminton has taken such giant strides, the Indians have been left lagging behind in all the necessary inputs - practice facilities, equipment, coaching and training methods.

Basically the Indian badminton equipment is poor compared to say, Yonex or Carlton. Our government must, therefore remove the import ban on racquets as most of these are beyond the reach of the majority with prices around Rs.400. And further Indian shuttles lose shape after a few hard smashes or a long rally.

We have good young players but if these fundamental problems are not sorted out, Indian badminton will continue to remain in the present state for years.

—Shilbhadra Datta,
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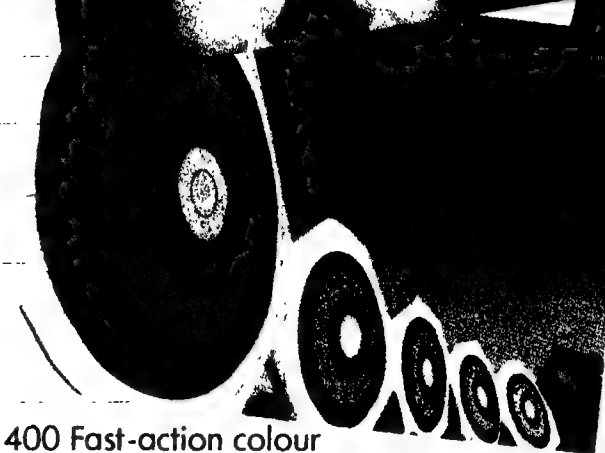
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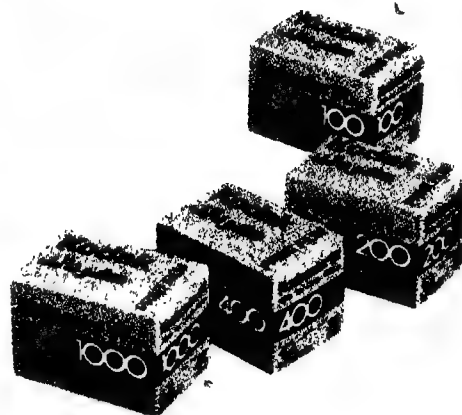
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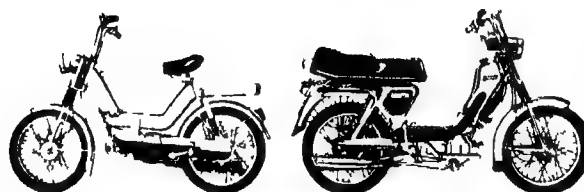
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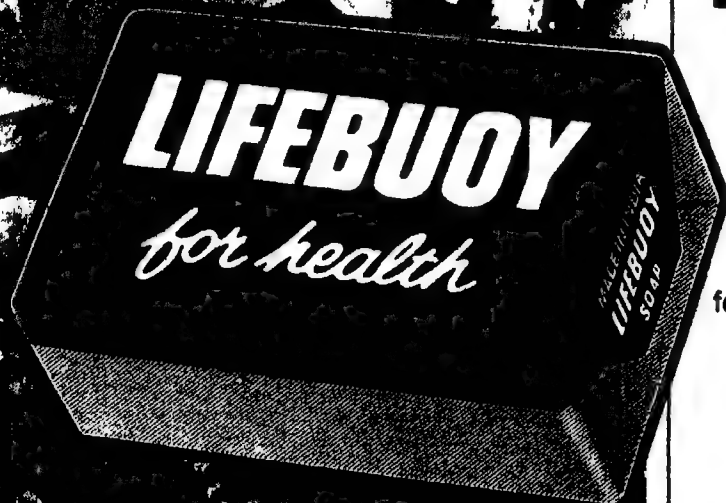
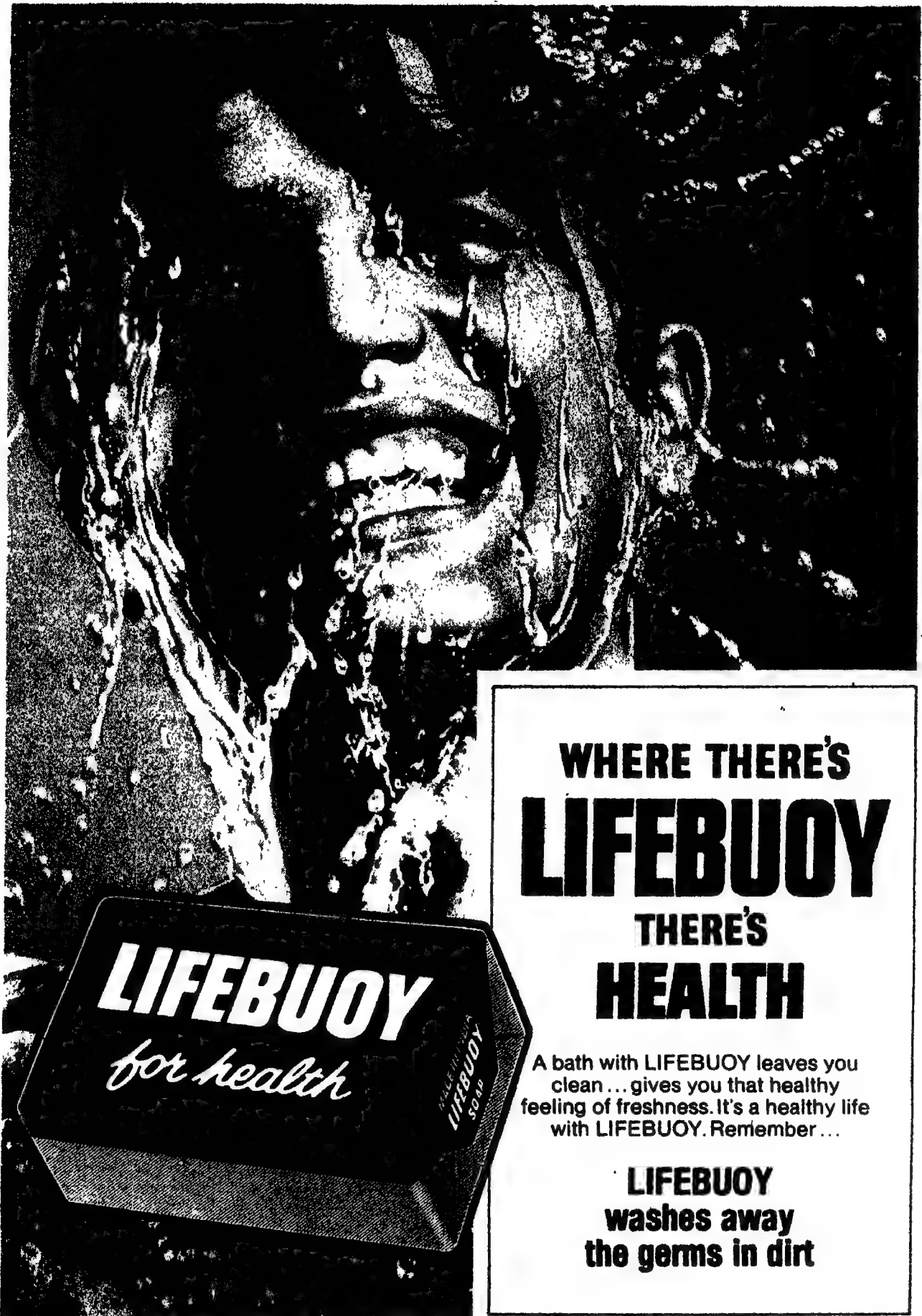
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THE WEST INDIES completed the latest of their clean sweeps with another crushing victory over New Zealand in the fifth and final One-day International. Tony Cozier reports.



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"THE BEST BATSMAN of my time? It's a question which has been asked of me so often, before my retirement and since, that if it doesn't crop up in the course of a cricket conversation I start to feel neglected," says Dennis Lillee in his book 'Over and Out'. The first of the exclusive extracts from the best-seller.

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-SADANAND VISHWANATH

The lad with the 'golden gloves'

By Ayaz Memon

CRICKET is largely a batsman's game. Unless you happen to be an allrounder like Botham, Kapil, Imran and Hadlee or a Lillee, Marshall or Holding since the bowlers are also relatively unimportant as far as public adulation or acknowledgement goes

The wicketkeepers remain generally unsung. No other job on the cricket field is 'presumed' to be performed with greater efficiency than that of the 'keepers. An outstanding display behind the stumps goes unheralded. A poor performance rarely escapes criticism. The rewards are petty. Usually a favourable mention in the autobiography of a leading bowler or captain. It is a thankless task.

There are exceptions though Rod Marsh, brash and arrogant, was as much of a media star as Lillee and Chappell. Alan Knott, wispy and frail, was always in focus as much due to his brilliant 'keeping as to his constant acrobatics on the field.

In India we have had the flamboyant Farokh Engineer whose gregarious personality endeared him not just to the home supporters but also the opposition. He was succeeded by Syed Kirmani, an outstanding wicketkeeper who began sedately but by the time he reached the dusk of his career, his bald pate had become as famous as Gavaskar's broad blade

And now comes Sadanand Vishwanath, Kirmani's Karnataka teammate, heralding the arrival of the youth brigade in Indian cricket along with Ravi Shastri, L. Sivaramakrishnan and Azharuddin

Sadanand Vishwanath made a very engrossing picture Channel Nine's omnipresent cameras missed very little of the action during the World Championship of Cricket and one of the more compelling sights was this small-built



Sadanand Vishwanath... has proved that he has the qualities of a good or even great 'keeper

lad from Karnataka, all concentration behind the stumps, now angry, and gleeful, now cajoling the bowler to do better, egging on the fielders, appealing loudly, elation and dejection - all registered clearly on his expressive boyish face

And yes, he kept wickets beautifully, with great style and aplomb to make his own distinct mark on the tournament

What appealed most was his total involvement in the game. It is not often that players give the credit for a victory to another player. But that is just what Kapil Dev did when the Indian team returned from Australia

Kapil attributed his and the other bowlers' success Down Under to Sadanand Vishwanath. "He was a tremendous source of inspiration for us. He always kept encouraging us by telling us that we must get a wicket with every delivery. When the bowler realises that the fielders and the wicketkeeper are giving off 100 per cent he feels like giving off 120 per cent"

There could be no higher tribute to Vishwanath. In the World Championship of Cricket and in the

Rothmans cup in Sharjah, Vishwanath dropped a simple catch in the initial stages. Nothing else got past him in both tournaments. His collections were sure, his catching certain, his stumpings flashy and rapid.

The wicketkeeper is the fulcrum of the fielding side more so in the limited overs game. In the words of Engineer, "The 'keeper is half the side in limited overs matches."

Engineer is not blowing the trumpet for his own flock. With defensive field placements, sans close-in fielders, the wicketkeeper has to do more than his normal share of work.

Vishwanath has proved, in the two major tournaments he has played in, that he has the qualities of a good or even great 'keeper in him. He has superb hands, balance, athleticism and almost uncanny anticipation. Courage, too.

At a critical juncture in the India-Pakistan final, he dared to stand up to Madan Lal to thwart Imran Khan who was repeatedly transgressing the limits of the popping crease.

His keeping to the spinners, Siva and Shastri, was exemplary. He has the ability to read the spin from the bowlers hand which facilitates an early and correct positioning for collection. His footwork is superb and the number of stumpings he affected in the two tournaments off Siva and Shastri speak volumes of his fine reflexes and clean collection.

Vishwanath has been on the periphery of international cricket for some time. He assisted Karnataka and South Zone for a couple of seasons whenever Kirmani was away on duty and had performed impressively to place himself on the shortlist as Kirmani's deputy for India. His battle was primarily with Kirani

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Sadanand Vishwanath

NAME Sadanand Vishwanath

Nickname Vishy

Star Sign Sagittarius

Height 5 ft 9 ins

Weight 69 kgs

Hair colour Black

Marital Status Single

Favourite Dish Lasagne

Favourite Drink Champaign

Favourite TV Show Dallas

Favourite Magazine India Today

Last Book read Chrissie by Chris Evert

Favourite Holiday Resort Venice (I keep dreaming of it)

Favourite Relaxation Sauna and Swimming

Own Car On its way anytime!!

Favourite Music WHAM Rod Stewart Laura Brannigan

Favourite other Sport Tennis

Fears God Hospitals and injuries

Superstitions put on my right pad first to get things going right from the beginning

Favourite Ground Sydney

Luckiest Break When chosen to play for India in the One Day International at Bangalore this year

Most Memorable Match Against England in the World Championship of Cricket series at Sydney where I got five victims

Biggest Disappointment None really!

Worst Injury Broken left arm while cycling to school

Most promising Teammate Ranji teammate Ranjit Khanwilkar

Countries played in India Australia England UAE Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe

Most difficult bowler to keep against Past - B S Chandrasekhar Present - I hope I don't find any bowler difficult

Favourite All time Player Sunil Gavaskar

First Team Star Cricket Club

Ambitions To keep playing for my country as long as I can





Vishwanath's here for keeps!

By R. Arvindam

TIGER PATAUDI's close-up was nice and clear on the TV screen, but his comments on Sadanand Vishwanath's selection for the World Championship of Cricket tournament in Australia were not so nice – not to Vishwanath anyway.

Pataudi was not in favour of his selection. It so happened that Vishu was listening to that programme in Bangalore and he was so angry that he pointed his finger at the TV set and said, 'I'll prove you wrong Tiger. I'll prove you wrong.'

And that's exactly what he did with a brilliant show behind the stumps. Had there been an award for the best wicketkeeper in that tournament the handsome blue-eyed lad from Karnataka would have won it hands down.

All the Channel Nine commentators like Richie Benaud, Ian Chappell and others had high praise for this 22-year-old keeper whose best performance was five victims in the match against England at Sydney.

Vishwanath met Pataudi in Sharjah during the Rothmans Cup tournament and told him how he felt about his comments on TV and how he had vowed to prove 'Tiger' wrong. Pat coolly replied, 'I am glad you proved me wrong.' That was a good show.

Succeed

Now it's the Test scene for him and he admits it is a different cup of tea altogether. But here is a lad who has guts and confidence aplenty and always one to meet any challenge anywhere. And I am sure he'll succeed in a big way.

Right from his school days at St Anthony's he had that quality of perseverance. Nothing stopped him. He used to play all games including football and hockey, but when he went to St Joseph's he decided to give serious thought to the game of Cricket.

Why cricket and why wicket-keeping in particular? 'Well', says the genial youngster, 'It was just one of those things. Whenever I used to go to a cricket match I used to give particular attention to the wicketkeeper. So I think that influenced me to don gloves.'

'It was cricket all the way for us. During lunch, during free time and in the evenings it was just cricket – and we used to enjoy the game thoroughly.'

Always a believer in aiming high, Vishwanath jokingly recalls the day he went for trials for the selection.



Sadanand Vishwanath... "I have come a long way and I have a long way to go"

of the Bishop Cotton junior team and was rejected on some technical ground. The same evening he went for trials for selection of the senior team!

It was when Vishwanath entered the St. Joseph's Commerce College that cricket became a 'real passion' for him. He touched excellent form in Inter-Collegiate cricket and was chosen 'best wicketkeeper' in two tournaments. Yet he failed to find a place in the state junior squad.

That, however, did not bother him. In 1979 he was chosen reserve wicketkeeper for Karnataka – and understudy to Syed Kirmani for whom he had tremendous admiration. 'He is the best wicketkeeper I have ever seen' says Vishwanath. He has always been helpful passing on a hint here and a hint there and coming from such a great wicket-

keeper it boosted one's confidence.'

The year 1980 was an excellent year for Vishwanath. That was the year he joined Syndicate Bank and on the advice of A.V. Jayaprakash kept wickets for the Bank.

This indeed was a big break for him, for he feels that it was here that he toughened mentally. The reason? 'I was playing with top players like Chandrasekhar, Vijayakrishna, Jayaprakash and others and it gave me tremendous confidence. Keeping wickets against Chandra in particular was difficult but I improved with every outing. Thereafter I was ready for anything'.

Sadanand made his Ranji debut for Karnataka at Bijapur with Kir-

mani away on tour. The same year came his Duleep Trophy debut and he distinguished himself with six catches in an innings breaking Farokh Engineer's record of five. On he went to play in the Cricket Association of Bengal's Golden Jubilee tournament for South Zone.

Former Test star of Hyderabad M. L. Jaisimha, a shrewd judge of talent had high praise for him and said he was the most promising wicketkeeper around.

Nothing succeeds like success. And Vishwanath soon found himself in the Young India team for Sri Lanka and playing in the first Test won the 'Man of the Match' and the Best Keeper award.

In 1981 he toured England with the Young India team again and it was here that he met Farookh Engineer who was pretty impressed with his wicketkeeping and passed on some useful hints to him.

Back home, oozing with confidence, there were no games for him but in 1982-83 with Kirmani off to the West Indies, Vishwanath donned the gloves for Karnataka again and showed his prowess as a batsman with superbly consistent displays.

Magnificent job

This was the season when this lad, who used to bat even nine down, made his debut as an opener for Karnataka and did a magnificent job. Brijesh Patel who was Karnataka's Captain then spoke highly of his performance. Vishwanath's batting was at its best in the final against Bombay at Bombay which Karnataka won with a sensational batting display. He got 93 and 77 and played in the Wills, Deodhar and Duleep Trophy tournaments and was soon off to Zimbabwe with the Under-25 team.

In all his trips abroad Ravi Shastri was his captain. How did he like playing under him? Ravi is a great captain and he knows how to get the best out of the team. Zimbabwe turned out to be a good hunting ground for Vishwanath for he had 31 victims in 10 games, won two 'Man of the Match' awards and was declared best fielder twice.

Then came the most memorable moment in his cricketing career – playing for India in the One-day International in Bangalore against England. There were some favourable and some unfavourable comments in the press about his selection and the fact that he was replacing the great Kirmani, put a lot of pressure on him. But as the maxim goes, 'the moment pro-



Sadanand Vishwanath... a lad who has guts and confidence aplenty – always one to meet any challenge, anywhere



duces the man'. And the pressure brought out the best in him.

At Chandigarh Vishwanath had a feeling that he would make it for the Australia trip and he did. And what he did there is history.

What next? I have come a long way and I have a long way to go, says the youngster. There will be no complacency, no cockiness for me.

Vishwanath always keeps fit and trim by regular exercises and plays tennis. 'I am particular about what I eat and there will not be any extra dessert for me'.

Yes, he is going to stay at the top, this lad, for his best quality is his perseverance. His coach K.B. Tarapore who has known him since the age of 10 says, 'he has come up the hard way and one quality I have always liked about him was his perseverance'.

Vishwanath is always seeking advice. Whenever he felt that he did something wrong he used to seek the advice of seniors and quickly make amends. In fact whenever he used to meet top players, past and present, he used to seek their advice and pick up the finer points of the game.

When asked what his ambition was, pat came the reply: 'To keep playing for my country as long as I can' and knowing him so well, one feels that he will be there, right at the top for years and years to come.



With his immediate predecessor, Syed Kirmani... "he is the best wicketkeeper I have ever seen," says Vishwanath

The lad with the golden gloves...

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More and Chandrakant Pandit, both bright young cricketers in their own right

Vishwanath was selected for the Young India team's tour of Zimbabwe last year where he was one of the few successes. Manager Naren Tamhane, himself a former India wicketkeeper, on the team's

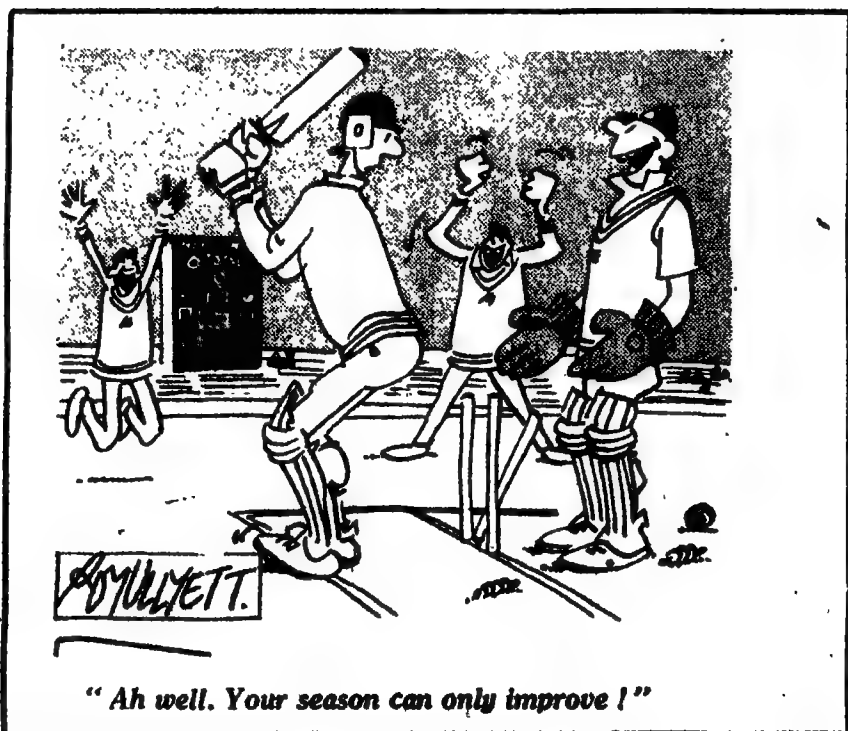
return sounded out that Vishwanath was definitely India material.

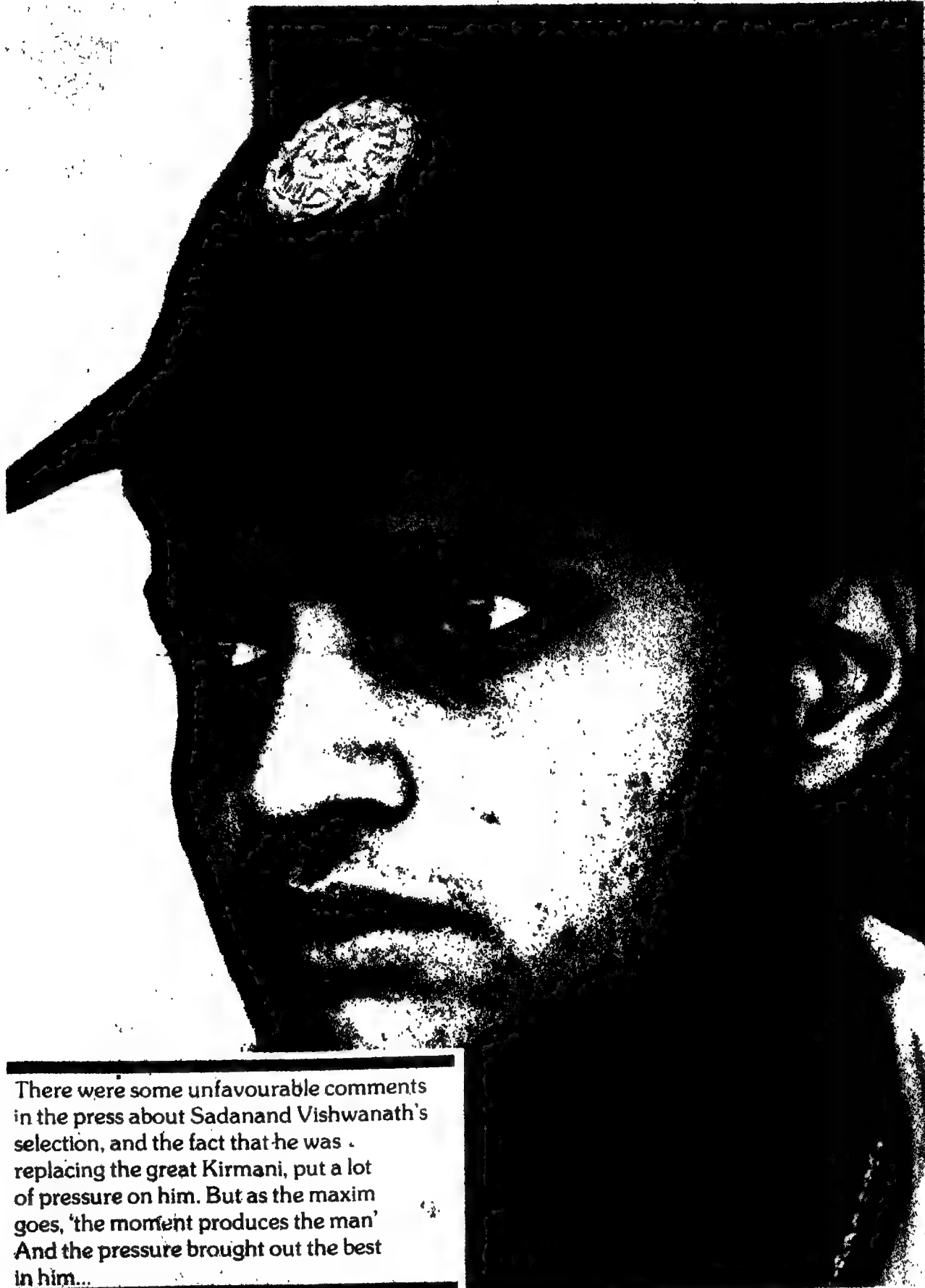
After his outstanding display against the Englishmen when the India Under-25 played at Ahmedabad last winter, Vishwanath was only a step away from being selected to play for India.

With Kirmani deemed to be too old for the taxing one day games, the choice for the 'keeper was limited to More, Pandit and Vishwanath. More was tried for a couple of games but was found wanting. Vishwanath made his debut in the one day match at Bangalore and since then there has been no looking back for him.

It is moot point whether Sadanand and Vishwanath will be retained for Test matches. On the evidence of his performances last season there is no reason why he should not be. Kirmani is not getting any younger, though he did enough in the Test series against England to warrant his retention. But nobody would be happier than Kirmani if Sadanand and Vishwanath succeeded him.

At present Vishwanath is very much 'the lad with the golden gloves' for his teammates and Indian cricket followers. But he would do well to realise that Test matches are a different proposition. One cannot afford to get too frenzied and hysterical in them, as Vishwanath is wont to do. Generally, Test matches require as much of patience and perseverance as skill. Aggression is a virtue. Melodrama is not.



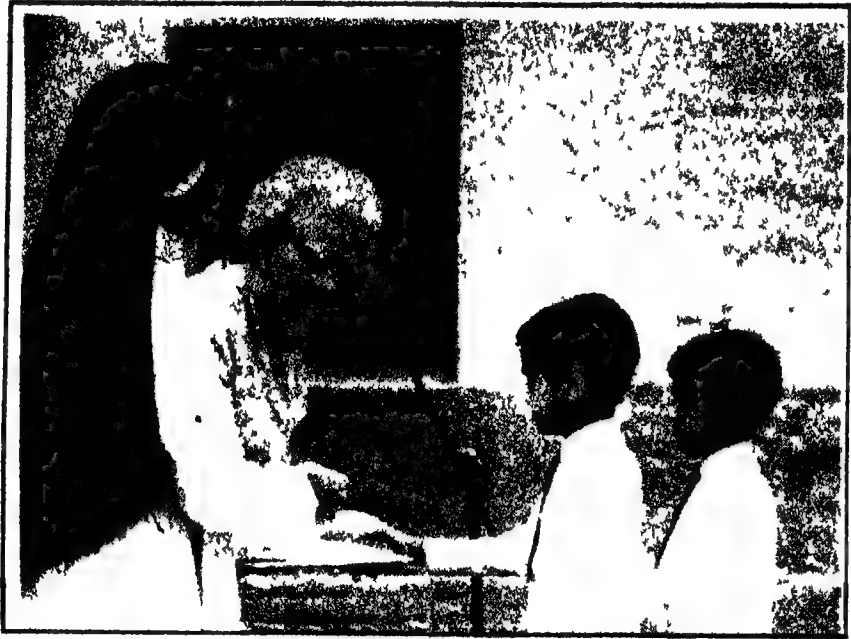


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The Vishwanath Family Album



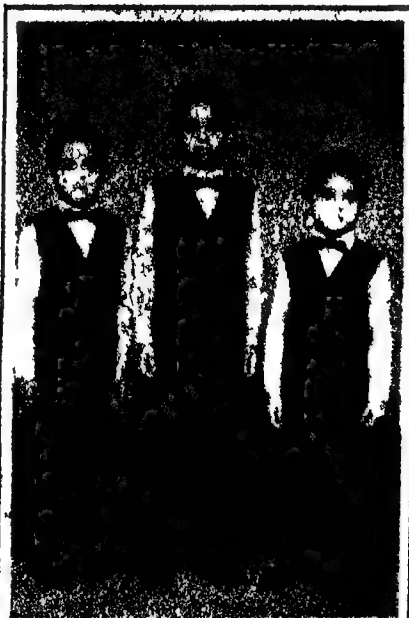
Sadanand Vishwanath as a toddler



Young Vishy gains early recognition during his school days



With two of his namesakes P R Vishwanath and the great Gundappa Vishwanath



Don't I look smart... Vishy (left) with his brothers



Rubbing shoulders in high company.. Vishwanath (left) with the victorious Indian team that won the Rothmans Cup



Windies complete sweep

From Tony Cozier in Barbados

THE West Indies completed the latest of their clean sweeps. The "blackwash" of the fashionable idiom, with another crushing victory over New Zealand in the fifth and final One-Day International.

Desmond extended his remarkable sequence of One-Day centuries to eight with 116, sharing a second wicket partnership of 184 with Larry Gomes 78, from 33 overs that formed the basis of the daunting West Indies total of 265 for three.

An asking rate of 5.4 an over was clearly beyond the New Zealanders, even on an ideal pitch and a dry, hard and fast outfield. Yet they again batted pathetically, their challenge was destroyed when they lost John Wright in the 11th over and Geoff Howarth and Martin Crowe in the next.

Their problems were typified by their young No. 3 Ken Rutherford who spent an hour and 20 minutes, 23 overs and 69 deliveries over 18 almost embarrassing runs.

In the end, when their batsmen attempted to provide a crowd of

10,000 with a little belated entertainment, wickets fell steadily to catches in the deep.

Haynes and Gomes dominated the first half of the day. Dropped when 13 off his own bowling by Ewan Chatfield, Haynes followed scores of 146 not out and 85 not out in the last two matches with his eighth century in his 87th One-Day International, more than any one has ever made.

He hit two sixes off consecutive balls from Gary Troup and eight

fours before hoisting a catch to deep mid-wicket.

Gomes also enjoyed himself, taking nine fours from 92 deliveries and offering several uncharacteristic cross-batted slogs in the true tradition of one-day cricket.

At the end, Vivian Richards supplied more muscle to the West Indies innings with 33 from 23 balls with a six and four fours.

That, effectively, was the end of a contest that was more a half-day than a One-Day International.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES Haynes c Coney b Chatfield 116

Richardson c Coney b Chatfield 21

Gomes c Jeff Crowe b Cairns 78

Richards (not out) 33

Logie (not out) 11

Extras (lb 5 w 1) 6

Total (for three wickets 49 overs) 265

FALL 1 31 2 215 3 223

BOWLING Troup 10-0-57-0 Hadlee 9-1-28-0
Chatfield 10-1-82-2 Cairns 10-1-63-1 Coney
10-0-53-0

NEW ZEALAND Howarth c Dujon b Davis 6
Wright c Richardson b Garner 22

Rutherford c Holding b Harper 18

Martin Crowe c Logie b Davis 5

Coney b Baptiste 5 Jeff Crowe c Logie b Harper
30

Cairns c Logie b Harper 5

Smith c Garner b Davis 37

Hadlee (not out) 16

Troup (not out) 0

Extras (lb 5 nb 2 w 1) 8

Total (for eight wickets 49 overs) 153

FALL 1-30 2-30 3-36 4-47 5-84 6-92 7-104
8-152

BOWLING Garner 6-2-10-1 Davis 8-0-32-3 Baptiste
7-1-11-1 Holding 6-1-10-1 Harper 10-0-38-3 Richards
8-0-31-0 Gomes 3-1-16-0 Logie 1-0-1-0



Larry Gomes... enjoyed himself playing uncharacteristic, cross-batted shots while scoring 78 runs



Guyana firm on ban

From Tony Cozier

E NGLAND'S tour of the West Indies next year is definitely on the president of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control Allan Rae and the secretary Steve Camacho have kept repeating of late. What territories will be included in the itinerary however will not be clear until the Board finalises it at its meeting in Kingston in late May.

If one is to judge by the statements of the President of Guyana Forbes Burnham there is little hope of the England team being allowed to play there if it includes players who have gone to South Africa.

Guyana has consistently refused entry to such players over the years, including Robin Jackman during England's last tour in 1981 that led to the cancellation of the Georgetown Test.

The Board is said to have been gi-

ven unofficial assurances from other governments that England will be admitted without any preconditions concerning team selection a position apparently supported by the Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Sridath Ramphal himself Guyanese.

On the other hand one senior Board official the president of the Barbados Cricket Association Peter Short has warned of the repercussions for West Indies cricket if the tour is cancelled.

President Burnham took the occasion of the Board's dinner in honour of Clive Lloyd on his retirement as captain to restate his government's stand.

So far as we are concerned we are not climbing on anyone's back or on anyone's bandwagon he said. But we frown seriously upon the admission into the Cooperative

Republic of Guyana of anyone who is so devoid of human feeling as to be in breach of the Gleneagles Agreement and to go to South Africa to play.

He added: We cannot be polite on a subject like this. Let us not be fooled let us not be soft-soaped into being nice and compromising.

Short's comments were made at the opening of the new Sir Garfield Sobers Pavilion by the most illustrious of Barbados several illustrious cricketers himself, at Kensington Oval the Test ground.

Pointing out that the West Indies Board had a schedule of publicly announced and ICC-confirmed tours until 1990, he said that failure to meet these obligations having special regard to our commitment to the Gleneagles Accord would probably jeopardise West Indies continued participation in international cricket.

Assurance

He saw it as significant that India and Pakistan had agreed to host the next World Cup in 1987 with an assurance that all teams would be accepted without any conditions on players who had been to South Africa.

Let us ensure in our anxiety to show solidarity with some well-intentioned UN resolution we do not unwittingly strengthen the enemy's camp and indeed take a positive step towards isolating ourselves, he said. It is of prime importance that we do everything possible, without compromising our position to maintain the integrity of our scheduled Test programme.

The new Barbados Prime Minister Bernard St. John, who also spoke at the opening of the Sobers Pavilion was guarded on the subject but said it would be discussed at the Commonwealth Caribbean Heads of Governments Conference in July and he hoped a common position could be taken, allowing England's tour to take place unhindered.



BARBADOS, FEBRUARY 27, 1981: Robin Jackman arrives at Grantley Adams Airport for the England tour of West Indies. Jackman, however, was declared a prohibited immigrant by the Guyana Government who will continue to abide by the Gleneagles Agreement.

The Georgetown dossier

	Inaugural Year	Total Played	W Indies Won	Opponents Won	Matches Drawn
vs England	Feb 1930	7	2	1	4
vs India	Mar 1953	3	-	-	3
vs Australia	Apr 1955	5	1	3	1
vs Pakistan	Mar 1958	2	1	-	1
vs New Zealand	Apr 1972	2	-	-	2
		19	4	4	11

Updated to April 11, 1985, when the second Test ended in a desultory draw—the third in successive Tests at this venue in the wake of drawn Tests here vs India in 1983 and vs Australia in 1984. New Zealand and West Indies have now contested seven Tests on Caribbean soil without a decisive result one way or the other in any of them.

Highest Totals

THE West Indies total of 511 for six declared in the recent Test is a new record for the highest total by the home side against any opponent-country at this venue, surpassing the previous record of 471 set by West Indies vs England in 1930 and their previous highest against New Zealand here of 365 for seven declared in 1972.

Of course, the over-all record for the highest total ever reached by any team at the Bourda at Georgetown in Guyana rests firmly with New Zealand who piled up 543 for three declared in 1972.

The highest totals by the other countries at this venue: 540 by Pakistan in 1977, 448 by England in 1974, 376 by India in 1971, and 362 for seven by Australia in 1978.

Top Scores

NEW Zealand's Glenn Turner has the honour to head the list of top scorers in a Test at Georgetown with his marathon 704-minutes innings of 259 with 22 fours in 1972.

The highest scorers for the other opponent-countries: Len Hutton's 169 in 1954 for England, Majid Khan's 167 in 1977 for Pakistan, Sunil Gavaskar's 147 not out in 1983 for India, and Graeme Wood's 126 in 1978 for Australia.

The top score by a West Indian at Georgetown remains 209 by Clifford Archibald Roach against England in 1930. Richie Richardson's 185 in 465 minutes with 25 fours in the recent Test is a new record for West Indies vs New Zealand at this venue, outstripping Allan Kal-

licharan's unbeaten 100 in 1972.

The Windies best vs the other countries: Clive Lloyd's 178 vs Australia in 1973, Clyde Walcott's 145 vs Pakistan in 1958, and Charlie Davis's 125 not out against India in 1971.



Glenn Turner... his marathon Test innings of 259 is the highest individual score at this venue

Centuries (40)

WEST INDIES have compiled 23 centuries at Georgetown—7 vs Eng, 5 each vs Aus & Pak, 4 vs Ind, and 2 vs NZ (including Richardson's career-best 185 in the recent Test).

Opponent-countries have a tally of 20 centuries at this venue—7 for Eng, 3 each vs Aus & NZ (including Martin Crowe's career-best 188 in the recent Test), and 2 each vs Ind & Pak.

Highest Partnerships

THE record partnership at Georgetown is 387 for the first wicket between Glenn Turner and Terry Jarvis for New Zealand in 1972. The Windies best at this venue is 269 for the second wicket between Gary Sobers and Clyde Walcott vs Pakistan in 1958.

West Indies had not posted a century stand in the 1972 Test vs New Zealand. Now, in the recent Test, they have compensated with as many as four, the highest being 191 for the second wicket between Desmond Haynes and Richie Richardson.

Century Stands (41)

WEST INDIES have compiled 21 century-stands at Georgetown—5 each vs Eng & Pak, 4 each vs Aus & NZ (including the three in the first innings and one in the second innings of the recent Test) and 3 vs Ind.

Opponent-countries have a tally of 20 century-stands at this venue—7 for Eng, 4 each for Aus & Ind, 3 for NZ (including the two record stands for the fifth and seventh wickets in the recent Test), and 2 for Pak.

Best Bowling

IAN Johnson's seven for 44 for Australia in 1955 is the record for the best innings bowling in any Test at Georgetown, whilst the best for the home side is Lance Gibbs's six for 29 in an innings vs Australia in 1965.

New Zealand's best innings bowling figures at this venue remain Bruce Taylor's three for 105 in 1972, but in the recent Test Malcolm Marshall with four for 110 bettered the previous Windies best at Georgetown against the Kiwis of two for 140 by Anthony Bourne Howard in 1972.



NEW ZEALAND IN WEST INDIES

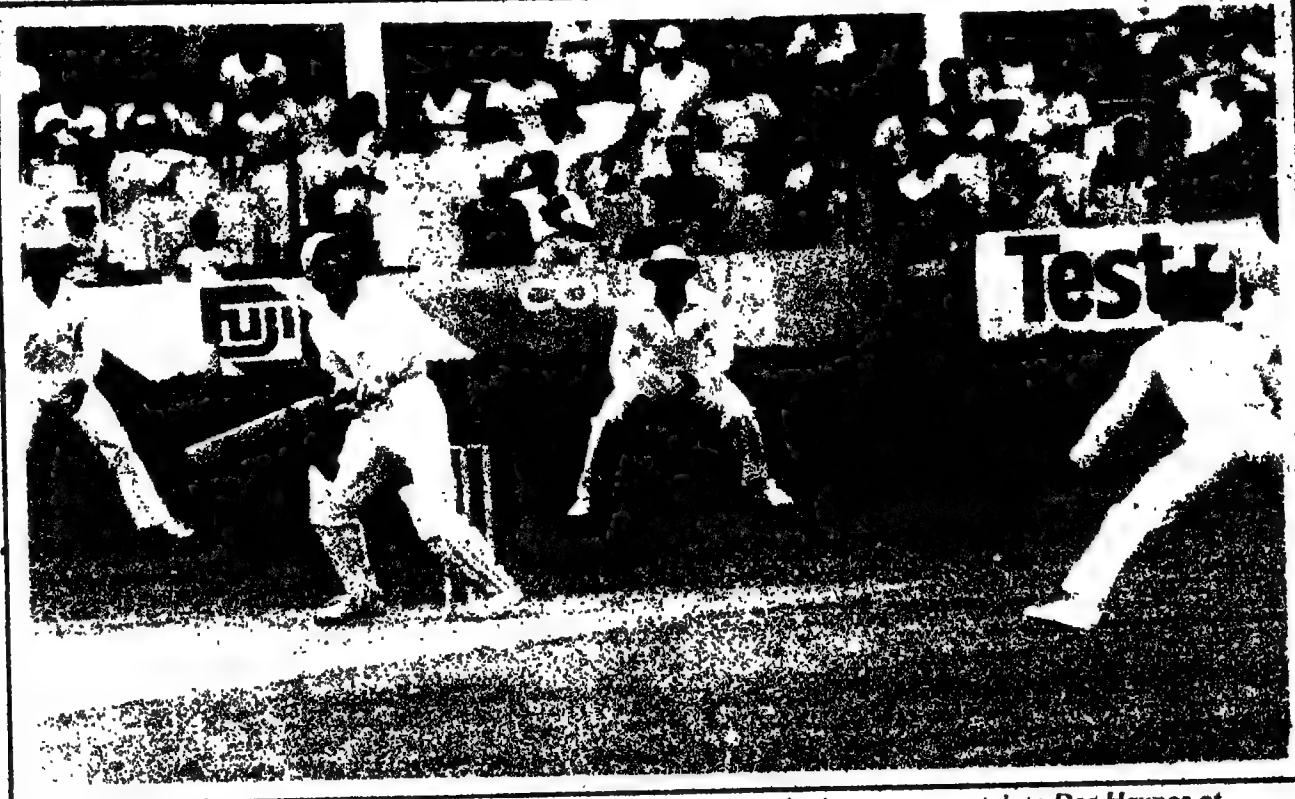
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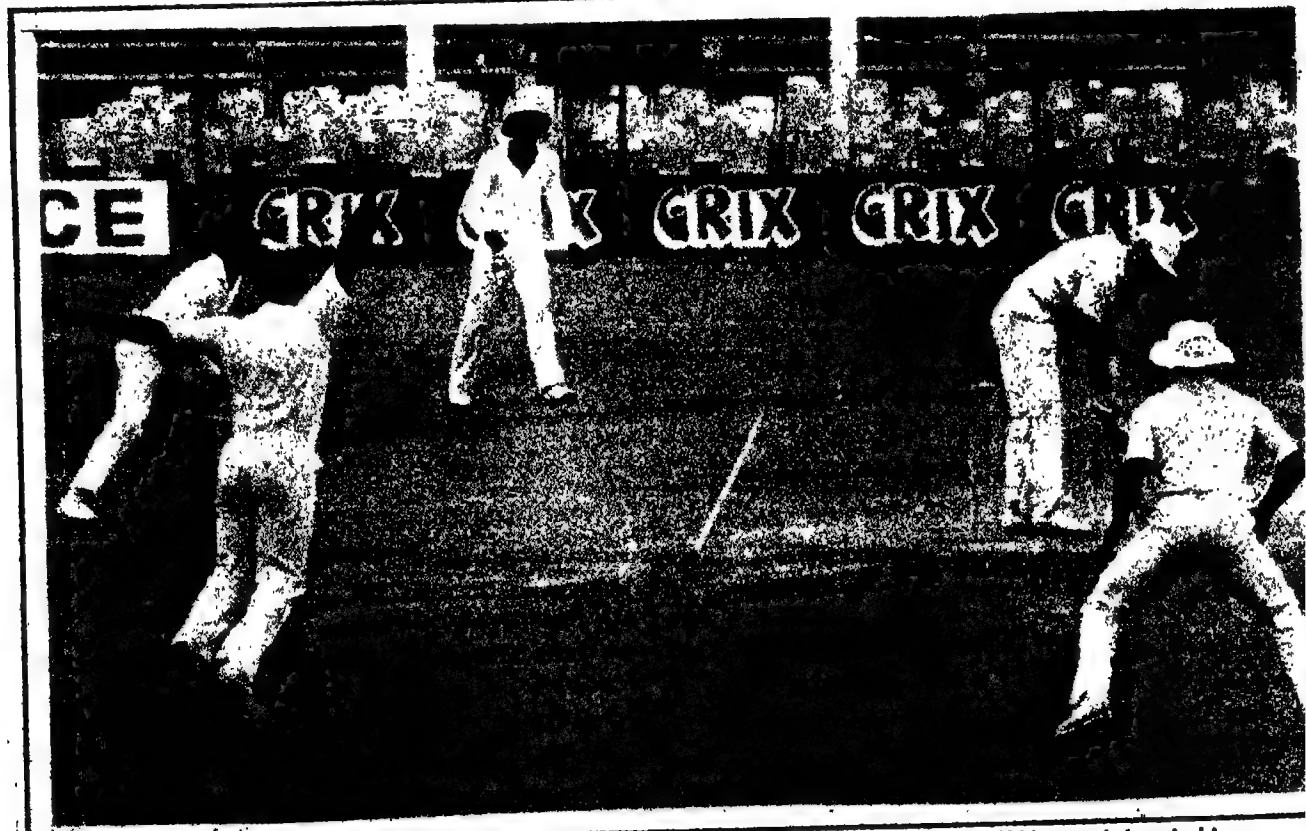
The off-stump sent cartwheeling belongs to West Indian batsman Gus Logie. It was uprooted by Kiwi bowler Ewan Chatfield (not in pic.) after Logie scored 24 in the first innings



When Vivian Richards is on the go, bowlers after quiver—as New Zealand's Stephen Boock did when Richards attacked him during his 78 in the second innings at the Queen's Park Oval



All eyes on the ball as 19-year-old New Zealand opener Ken Rutherford pops up a catch to Des Haynes at forward short leg off Malcolm Marshall to be out for zero in his debut Test innings. Rutherford was run out for zero in the second innings for a 'king pair'



A flying off stump and flying Viv Richards at slip signal the end of Kiwi captain Geoff Howarth bowled by Marshall for 14 in the second innings

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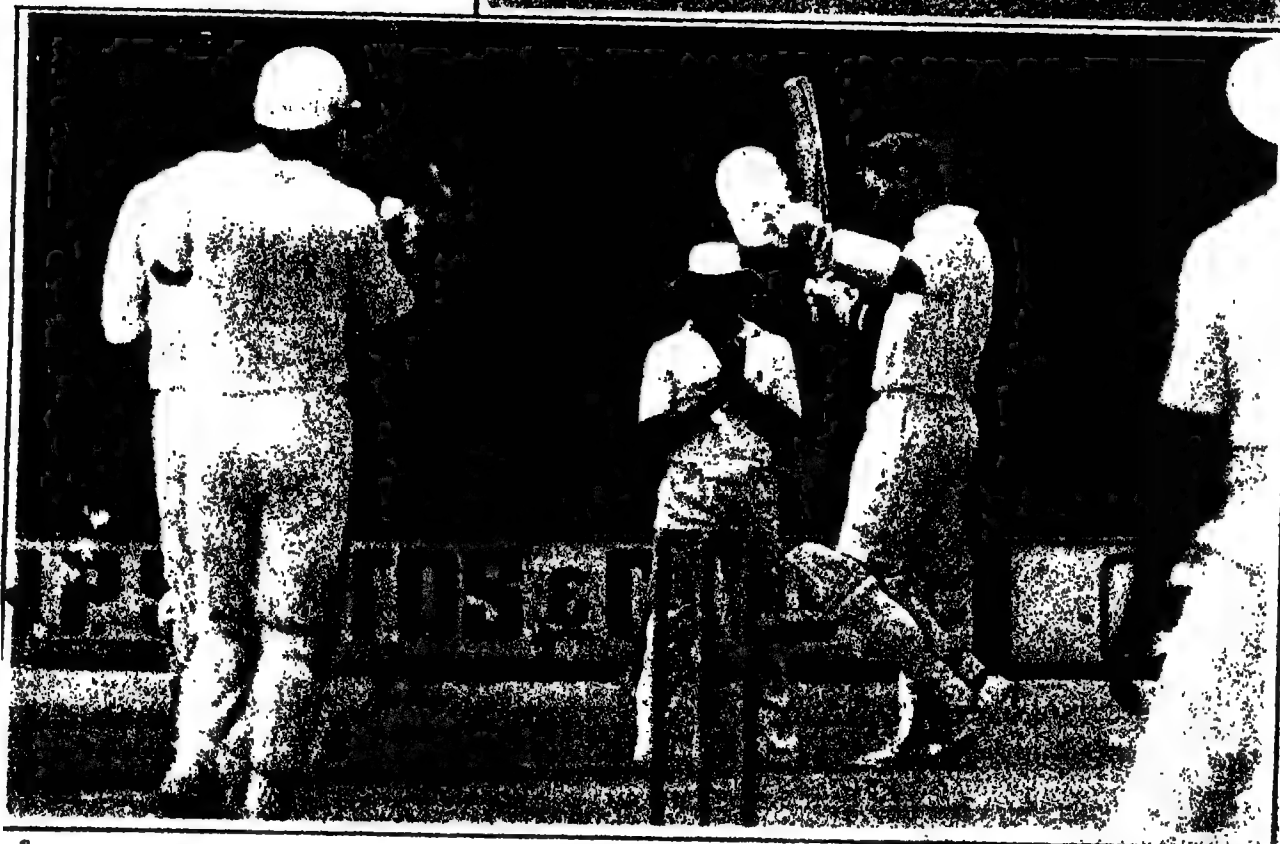
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Second Test: Guyana

New Zealand vice-captain
Jeremy Coney hooks Mal-
colm Marshall for four during
his 73 in the Test at Bourda

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Martin Crowe raises his bat
and helmet as he acknow-
ledges the applause of the
crowd—and opposing fast
bowler Marshall—on complet-
ing his century at Bourda.
Crowe went on to make 188



LILLEE OVER AND OUT!



Viva Vivian

By Dennis Lillee

WHAT A GLORIOUS conceit it is to set yourself up as a one-man authority and pass judgement on the great batsmen you've played with and against in a decade-and-a-half of cricket all over the world!

Can anyone really study such a star-studded field and conclusively nominate the best of them all? Presumptuous though it may be, we do like to try.

The best batsman of my time? It's a question which has been

asked of me so often, before my retirement and since, that if it doesn't crop up in the course of a cricket conversation I start to feel neglected.

Choosing your greatest ever batsman is a touch more difficult than selecting your top bowler. For me anyway, the guidelines are not as clear-cut.

When you start talking in terms of the Richards (Viv and Barry), the Chappells (Ian and Greg) and

players like Garry Sobers, Clive Lloyd, Sunil Gavaskar, Graeme Pollock, Zaheer Abbas and Javed Miandad, picking the best is almost like rolling dice.

You could go one of three or four ways and not be wrong. It all comes down to personal choice.

With the bowlers, when I come to them, I will number my selections from one to ten. I will not do so with batsmen. I will name only my best, the one whose performances and ability set him apart from the rest.

From then on I shall only generalise, and let you be the judge.

And the best? It's always nice to be partisan if possible. I have already expounded the virtues of Ian and Greg Chappell. In his day, was there any better than Doug Walters?

But when we think of genius with the bat, when we think of sustained excellence over a number of years, when we think of competitive yearning combined with an almost nonchalant disdain for the best bowling in the world, we inevitably start to think of the West Indians in general and a tiny island called Antigua in particular.

Antigua, for those who don't know, exports sugar and a little cotton. But their most exciting export is Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards.

I really think Clive Lloyd summed it all up best when the West Indians were out in Australia for the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup in the 1983-84 summer.

After a blistering century by Richards against Australia, Lloyd said: "We mere minions just watch." What a tribute from his captain! And Lloyd, himself a master, is not one to throw bouquets around extravagantly.

Indeed, if batting is an art, then



Vivian Richards and Clive Lloyd... the men who have changed cricket



Sunil Gavaskar... 'Sunny and I were never buddies but you could not help but admire the little man's ability

Viv Richards has been at work on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel for years now. But like anyone else, Viv is mortal.

Unlike Michelangelo's work, Viv does have weaknesses. I always believed that if I bowled to him six to nine inches outside the off stump, he would eventually lose patience and try to smash one that wasn't quite in the right spot.

The chance might go to the slips cordon or to gully or even to the covers if he didn't quite get onto it.

Over the years, I think I might have been partly responsible for actually improving the man's off-side play, but I still feel that he, like most top-line batsmen, is troubled most by the ball moving outside off stump.

Unfortunately for us bowlers, Viv Richards' off-days are rare and his "on" days are murder if you are unlucky enough to have the ball in your hand.

He plays all the shots with great elegance, he has awesome power

and he is the most exciting batsman in the world because he produces shots that just can't be found in the instruction manual.

In a batting sense he really is in an orbit apart from any other player, but I can make just one more criticism of Viv. It is something which really has only recently appeared in his batting: somehow, every now and again, the Great Man loses interest.

Usually a model of decorum, he has also started to lose his cool occasionally. This has been particularly noticeable when Lloyd, the Windies' longest-serving captain, has been unavailable. When Viv has taken over the reins he has at times put tremendous pressure on his team-mates.

But while he may play below his expectations from time to time, he does everything but hit the stitches out of the ball when he is in "one of those moods".

Richards' record with the bat is still being written and there are many spectacular chapters to

come. He is a freak, and the critic who dubbed him "The Black Bradman" summed up the man very, very nicely.

It would be unthinkable to even touch upon Caribbean cricket without paying a considerable tribute to Clive Lloyd, one of the great batsmen of our time and one of the game's most charming people.

Wherever you go in cricket, the name Clive Lloyd is spoken in reverent and affectionate tones. His value to the West Indies as a master batsman and captain has been inestimable.

It's difficult to avoid the old cliché when discussing the man, but he really is like a fine wine. I don't think he has batted better than he did in India and Australia in 1983-84 – and the man was in his 40th year! When Clive made his first-class debut, Gus Logie, a member of his Test team now, was only three years old.

One of the beautiful things about C.H. Lloyd is that his peace of mind and tranquility never seem to be disturbed. Diversity seems to keep him ticking as he wields that willow from one cricket milestone to another.

There was a time there in the 1975-76 series in Australia when we thought we had the better of Clive. He just didn't seem to be on top of things for a while and we were picking him up cheaply.

He really did look wretched up and the bowlers of the world weren't exactly broken-hearted to see what we thought was the beginning of the end of him. How wrong we were. It didn't take him long to fight out of the slump and put the death grip on us again.

I suppose the most memorable aspect of Lloyd's batting is his immense power. He wields a big stick, we all know that, and when he wraps those huge hands around his trusty blade and slopes out to the wicket, as only Clive can, you know there is trouble ahead. In form, he's a sheer delight to watch, possessing every shot in the book – and then some!

As a captain, he has really been the Magellan of West Indies cricket, first leading it towards and then taking it through change without really having any idea of what lay beyond the horizon.

And he has always led by example.

His record as a captain is unequalled and as a batsman, the big fella has achieved superstar status. Surely a knighthood awaits him.

It would be remiss to talk about West Indian champions without mentioning Garry Sobers. Some rate him the best all-rounder of all time and I think I would have to agree. But I can't write in depth about his great and obvious talent because I didn't really see enough of him.

I suppose that in our few confrontations – and keep in mind he was at the end of his career – we finished about square. I remember getting him once for a duck – and I remember just as vividly a day at the M.C.G. when he smashed me and the rest of the Australian attack all over the stadium in a breathtaking innings of 254 for the Rest of the World.

As a batsman, Sir Garfield was obviously one of the greatest, but as an all-rounder he must have been unique. He could bowl quick, medium and spin; he fielded superbly; he could even keep wickets if necessary.

No, I didn't see the best of him, but I saw enough. He is one of the few cricketers from any era whose deeds are still discussed many years after they were performed. I suspect they will continue to be discussed as long as cricket is played. And that is the real measure of greatness.

While statistics are not always an infallible guide – or even a fair guide – cricket, by its very nature, is a numbers game. And one batsman who, by statistics alone, must rank among my greatest batsmen is India's Sunil Gavaskar.

His record is quite remarkable – the more so because he is an opener. Like most Indian cricketers, his best performances have been at home.

I never played against him in India and I don't think we really saw the best of him in Australia because he had trouble adjusting to our bouncier wickets.

I certainly remember one of his Australian Test innings – a very gritty 70 in 1981 on an M.C.G. wicket where the ball was keeping low.

Much to Sunny's annoyance, I trapped him leg-before. He insisted that the ball had hit bat first and was incensed enough to storm from the field and take his partner, Chetan Chauhan, with him.

It was, to say the very least, a strong reaction to losing your wicket. It was all sorted out eventually and Gavaskar apologised (as a captain should, I guess). Sunny and I were never buddies, but you could not help but admire the little man's

Another Indian batsman whom I respected enormously was Gundappa Viswanath. "Vishy" burst on to the Test scene at the age of 19 and immediately became one of India's batting mainstays.

He had great flair and the thing that impressed (or annoyed) me most about him was that he always seemed to have all the time in the world to play his shots.

It is most irritating to a fast bowler to give a delivery all he's got and have the batsman give you the impression that he's stifling a yawn as he moves into the line and plays it.

But that was Viswanath. Not a hair on his head was ever out of place. You could bounce a mean one at him, he'd avoid it gracefully and with plenty of time to spare and come up looking immaculate. He was unflappable, a professional in the true sense of the word.

It is very difficult to separate Gavaskar and Viswanath on the top line of the Indian batsmen of my experience. Gavaskar achieved more recognition because he was the more consistent of the two. I rank them equal in their ability and importance to India.

On quick reflection, it is easy to overlook Geoff Boycott among cricket's greats. For much of his career he has been unwanted and unsatisfactory, with his self-induced exiles and sulking sessions.

I have been critical of Boycott. I felt he dodged the fast bowlers at times, that he was totally selfish and not prepared to do things for his team. I never thought of him as the sort of explosive player who would win you a Test match.

But despite his obvious faults, Boycott is a scientist once he's out in the middle. Technically, he must be regarded as one of the great batsmen. His record, which he guards with fanatical jealousy, is outstanding, but most of the time he was so lacklustre as to be pathetic.

Ironically enough, it took some one-day matches in Australia for him to show that he really could be very aggressive. He didn't have to worry about that precious average of his and just let himself go. He played with reckless abandon (by his standards), showed that he could score runs quickly, and displayed shots that even Viv would be proud of.

In a totally different mould comes David Gower, a clean-cut and congenial bloke who bats as though he has never known fear and rarely experienced uncertainty.

At times, Gower's approach is not altogether technically correct, but he more than atones for that with his wonderful eye and superb timing. Gower's attitude was amazing – he sort of bubbles forth. Even in moments of greatest stress he seemed to be playing village green cricket, so relaxed was he.

Every now and then he would play and miss and just smile happily at you back down the wicket. He knew he'd been beaten and the luck was with him. Then, very next ball, he would clobber you for four and this time luck had nothing to do with it. And still he would smile.

Gower has obviously been earmarked as England's next captain and that responsibility might make him a more determined character, harder to get out and, therefore, a much greater player that we have so far seen.

Even though no-one plays South Africa these days, it would be almost sacrilegious not to mention two of their number when discussing great batsmen. I refer to Graeme Pollock and Barry Richards, each described at various times by people who should know as the best batsman in the world.

It was probably lucky for me, then, that I didn't see too much of either of them. Pollock was a naturally-gifted player whom I really saw for one series.

Pakistan makes a habit of producing class batsmen and the two best in my experience have been Zaheer Abbas and Javed Miandad. Each is a wonderfully gifted batsman with his own way of going about things.

Zaheer has been criticised for allowing himself so much room against the fast bowlers. It is all very well to criticise, but how do you argue with the man's magnificent record?

Javed, too, is a fine player...and I still think he has a long way to go.

One can't really leave Pakistan without mentioning my old sparring partner Majid Khan. He was a great player, who had every shot in the book, and, like Vishy, just so much time. He is also a great bloke.

Of the Australian players, I have already dwelt on Ian and Greg Chappell, Doug Walters and Allan Border. Add to those the names of Sobers, Lloyd, Gavaskar, Viswanath, Boycott, Gower, Zaheer and Majid, and you've just about got it covered... except for the best of them all.

Vivian Richards, of course.



Sunshine and the Ashes

By Pat Gibson

MAYBE it's because I've been standing on the football terraces all winter that I keep singing 'Here we go here we go here we go'.

But more likely it's because the first class cricket season has just begun and I'm sure I'm not alone in welcoming it with more enthusiasm than usual.

For a start the Australians are coming and an Ashes series always makes a summer special for an Englishman, particularly when we have good reasons for thinking

we can win it.

And that is certainly the case this time.

The fact is that England seems to be in a remarkably robust state of health considering all that has happened to them in the past 12 months.

They have been whitewashed by the West Indies, embarrassed by Sri Lanka and disgraced in one day tournaments in Australia and the Middle East.

But in between they overcame

Will Botham and the rebels knock the Aussies for a six?

enormous unprecedented pressures and problems to come from behind and win a Test series in India.

The strength of character they showed in doing that has not only confirmed David Gower's position as captain but also considerably strengthened the hand of the selectors.

They can now say in all honesty that the likes of Ian Botham, refreshed by his winter break, and Graham Gooch, one of the 15 rebels who have now completed their three-year bans for touring South Africa, will have to fight for their places.

I will be surprised if Gooch and Botham are not selected immediately but suddenly there is so much competition that the opening weeks are going to be fascinating.

Just look at the opening batsmen. Gooch knows he will have to reproduce last summer's blazing form to oust either Graeme Fowler or Tim Robinson, who both covered themselves in glory in India.

And that's not to mention Martyn Moxon, Chris Broad, Andy Lloyd, Paul Terry, Peter Roebuck, Chris Smith, Kim Barnett and returning rebels Wayne Larkins and Geoff Boycott.

At this stage the bowling looks nothing like as strong, but Graham Dilley, fit again after a year's absence, Les Taylor, another recovered from injury and the ever-green John Lever will put the pressure on the developing Norman Cowans and Neil Foster.

And with all-rounders like Arnie Sidebottom and Peter Willey back in contention, even Botham has every incentive to go about his task in style.

Cricket has its problems, of course. There are political ones which threaten the fabric of the international game, domestic ones which caused the Test and County Cricket Board to set up a working party into the state of play, and social ones which forced Cricketers' Association chairman Geoff Cook to remind the players of their responsibilities.



Ian Botham it will be surprising if he is not selected



Alderman rejects Ashes tour

By PAT GIBSON

AUSTRALIA faced up to the bitter blow of losing Terry Alderman from their team to defend the Ashes in England this summer

Alderman is far and away the most important of the three members of the 17-strong tour party who prefer to take part in a rebel tour of South Africa in November

The trio - Alderman, fellow fast-medium bowler Rod McCurdy and wicketkeeper Steve Rixon - failed to meet the Australian Cricket Board's midnight deadline for statutory declarations renouncing the South African offer

McCurdy 26 who has never played Test cricket, and Rixon 31,

who has spent most of his career in the shadow of Rodney Marsh, will not be great losses.

But Alderman, 28, is in a different class. He took a record 42 wickets on Australia's last tour of England in 1981 and with the additional experience of playing for Kent last summer, when he took 76 first-class wickets, he was obviously going to be a key figure

Four other players who signed contracts to play in South Africa have overcome their legal and financial difficulties - with a little help from Prime Minister Bob Hawke and TV magnate Kerry Packer

Batsmen Dirk Wellham and

Graeme Wood, off spinner Murray Bennett and wicket-keeper Wayne Phillips signed their declarations following an adjustment of the required statement

Phillips explained the players' dilemma "I signed originally because it was a great offer

"But there are a host of other things to weigh up and I've given the board my assurance I will not be involved with the South African tour"

Meanwhile, the decisions of Alderman, McCurdy and Rixon indicate that the rebel tour will still go ahead

THOMSON RISES FROM ASHES

JEFF THOMSON, Australia's 34-year-old fast bowler, crept into this summer's Ashes series through the back door

As a string of pacemen opted to join the rebel trip to South Africa in the autumn, the Australian selectors handed Thomson a plane ticket for England - as their eighth choice

The Aussies turned to Thomson who took the last of his 197 Test wickets against England two years ago, after their plans had been thrown into chaos by the tempting offers to play in South Africa

Queensland wicket keeper Ray Phillips, New South Wales pacerman Dave Gilbert and Thomson will fill the gaps

Thomson almost quit cricket a month ago after Queensland lost to New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield final



Packer helps in a big way

AUSTRALIA'S cricket team to tour England this summer has been saved - by Prime Minister Bob Hawke and TV magnate Kerry Packer

The Australian board was prepared to pick a new side when they discovered that seven of the 17 players has signed contracts for a rebel tour of South Africa in November.

But by last week, four of them - Graeme Wood, Dirk Wellham,

Wayne Phillips and Murray Bennett - had pulled out

The Australian board had already said that any player refusing to sign a statutory declaration that he had not signed for the South Africans would be replaced on the England tour

Then last week Hawke said the Government was ready to assist any cricketer facing legal action for breaking a contract to tour South

Africa

And a dejected Bruce Francis, the former Australia and Essex batsman who was organising the rebel tour, claimed the players had backed off after being offered substantial cash not to go

It must have been substantial since the South African contracts were said to be worth £110,000

Pat Gibson

WEEKLY WHISPERS

Sprint swimmers getting taller

ACCORDING to a report, sprint swimmers are getting taller and taller. The average height of the eight finalists in the 100 m freestyle at the 1968 Olympics was 6 ft 03/4 in. At last year's Olympics the average height for competitors in the same event had reached 6 ft 3in.

The West German 'Albatross', Michel Gross, who set world butterfly and free style short course bests last winter is 6 ft 7 1/2 in. And only a fortnight ago, Matt Biondi set his third American record in a week. He is 6 ft 6 in.

Experts all over the world have concluded that height and reach enables an athlete or swimmer to excel himself. Said Alan Lime, manager of the British swimming team "Coaches must look for big men. They have an advantage at the starts and turns and because their longer levels can generate more power."

Caesar's Palace's rake-off

THE BIGGEST financial winners from the Hagler-Hearns fight have been the hosts, Caesar's Palace Hotel. They paid the promoters, Top Rank Inc, a site fee of \$4 million, but the gate receipts amounted to about \$6 million what with tickets for the specially built arena which holds 15,128 people ranging from \$100 to \$600.

Donald Allison, president of the Palace explained that the real purpose of special events like motor racing grands prix, tennis tournaments and boxing matches is to attract gamblers known as high rollers.

When an event is scheduled, the Caesar's computer prints out a list of prospecting betting customers. "By far, the biggest hook for gamblers of any event held by any casino is a boxing match," says Allison.

For the Hagler-Hearns match, only customers with a line of credit of over \$50,000 had been invited. All those invited received free fight tickets and rooms. Major clients with credit gas, got four or six fight tickets, a suite of rooms, free food and drink.

Caesar's Palace are unwilling to say exactly how much they made over the week end of the fight. But Norman Bogart of Gambling Times, magazine calculated that a boxing match of this type will increase Caesar's weekend winnings by a factor of 10. On a normal weekend, Caesar's win between \$2-3 million on a profit margin of 11 per cent. On a big-event weekend they could win about \$30 million.

And what of the poor boxers? Well, Hagler was guaranteed a purse of \$5.6 million and Hearns \$5.4 million. But that was just the minimum.

How to lose a cricket match

HERES one of the more unusual ways to lose a cricket game. In Australian district cricket, NTCA club South Lancetson last month refused to bat on a wicket against Westbury at which South alleged was not covered.

Heavy rain fell on the night before the game and when South was 2-10 on the first morning of the match, South Captain Francis Woolley promptly declared the second innings closed at 0-0.

Woolley claimed the uncovered wicket was dangerous and he did not want to destroy the confidence of his predominantly teenage team. Westbury captain Grant Page said the wicket had not been covered due to a lack of communication.

No one was really certain who was going to be penalised - Woolley or Westbury. Ironically, Woolley who played two one day games for Tasmania last year, used to play for Westbury.

One relative too many

A PLEA in the Nottingham Evening Post by Trent Bridge statistician Peter Wynne-Thomas for the descendants of the legendary Arthur Shrewsbury to come forward has brought an unexpectedly large response.

"Virtually the whole population of Nottingham seem to be related to Arthur," said Wynne-Thomas. "Six relatives phoned me and none of them seemed to know each other."

Wynne-Thomas, currently researching a biography on Shrewsbury was anxious to talk to relatives to get a 'more rounded picture of the cricketers' Shrewsbury, who played 23 Tests for England and during a firstclass career from 1875 to 1902 hit 10 double centuries and scored 26,439 runs, is, says Wynne-Thomas, "the greatest player without a comprehensive biography."

The biography is scheduled for publication in October.

Stand named after O'Reilly

THE GREAT spin bowler, Bill O'Reilly, one time scourge of batsmen who now gives cricketers no rest with his insightful column in the Sydney Morning Herald, is going to have a stand named after him. But it won't be at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Instead, North Sydney Council will honour O'Reilly by naming a \$1 million grandstand at North Sydney Oval after him.

O'Reilly played for North Sydney from 1926 to 1928 and again after his spell as a schoolteacher 'up-country' from 1931 to 1934.

FANatic

by Marcus





'Ashes to Ashes, dust to dust' If Thomson don't get ya, Lillee must'

By Prof. Shankar Abhyankar

A silent horror had struck the English dressing room. The bulky Colin Cowdrey was totally restless in his chair and occasionally he was writhing in pain. There were several blue and purple patches on his body. That was the result of the severe blows he had received from the fearsome duo Lillee and Thomson – obviously not in the ring, but on the Sydney wicket where Australia and England were engaged in a furious battle for the Ashes.

There was panic in the English camps and the worst thing was that at this melancholy fact was known to every spectators. Colin Cowdrey's colleagues too were cursing that terrible pair in the middle, since they were also in the same boat as Cowdrey.

The Fourth Test that was played between Australia and England from January 4, 1975, was indeed a affair of bloodshed. And the English team were beaten by such Australian superiority that reactions of the British Press were bitterly biting.

Ian Wooldridge commented in the *Daily Mail* "To play for Australia remains the ultimate ambition of any male child born in this fiercely chauvinistic and still insular country. To play for England, I am sorry to say, is beginning to look just another day's work. The selectors are going to face a difficult situation this summer, but they must be prepared to face it bravely and not be seen to protect personal whims or prejudices and be prepared to admit that some of those in whom they have had high hopes have let them down."

In the said series, Australia established their supremacy beyond question and they were leading two-nil after the first three Tests.

Mike Denness, the poor English captain, was so harshly critized by the press that he took the vital decision of dropping himself from the English squad for the Fourth Test.

On that fateful day, January 4,



The fearsome duo of Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson... the terrible pair in the middle

1975, Ian Chappell, that indomitable skipper of Australia won the toss and Ian Redpath and debutant Ric McCosker put on 96 lively runs for the first wicket.

Except Doug Walters, every Australian batted with purpose and the team was successful in amassing 405 runs. Ric McCosker, on his debut scored a glorious 80 runs. Greg Chappell was in tremendous form and plundered 84 runs. His brother's contribution was not less than 53. Even the last wicket added 37 vital runs.

Willis' 18 overs did cost 80 runs and Underwood conceded 54 off 13 overs. Tony Greig was thrashed for 104 runs off only 23 overs. Only Arnold could bowl steadily to capture five wickets for 86 runs off 29 overs.

England were in deep trouble at 123 for five, from which they were partially rescued by a brilliantly daring innings by Knott. Having fought his way to the third morning, when



the ball was moving all over the place, Knott stayed on to score 60 in an hour of brilliant sunshine after lunch. Australia, even so, gained a first innings lead of 110 runs.

John Edrich, the acting English captain, had to go to hospital when struck by the first ball from Dennis Lillee. England were under tremendous pressure.

Now came the royal display of batmanship from that tall and lanky Greg Chappell. With a beige sweater on his broad shoulders, he just went on betting the English attack. Redpath, at one end was encumbered and at the other, Chappell did enervate the English bowlers. The loftiness of Chappell's innings was his authority and propriety. There was not a single prosaic moment, since poetry did flow from Chappell's willow.

Greg Chappell (144) and Redpath, (105) put on exactly 220 runs and Ian Chappell closed the Australian innings at 289 for four.



IMMORTAL QUOTES OF CRICKET...

"An almost faultless century by Greg Chappell and a dutiful one by Redpath meant that Australia were always scoring as many runs as they were likely to need in their second innings, if not quite as fast as they would have liked. Chappell appeared to make batting look altogether easier than anyone else"

The wicket was still playing true and Ian Chappell left England as many as 400 to make to win the match. This task was beyond the capacity of the English players and the only favourable factor was the unexpected rain on the fourth day. Australia thus entered the last day needing to take all ten England wickets to win the Ashes.

By lunch, England had lost four wickets and with Edrich in hospital, the situation was exceedingly gloomy. Edrich displayed great courage in recommencing his innings and carrying on the grim battle. But England were mortified to such an extent that the press mockingly labelled their dressing room as "mortuary".

By three o'clock, England were 156 for six and the sanguinary was in the final phase. Greg, after scoring 54 runs, played an incredibly wild stroke, and was stumped in a flash. With Underwood, Willis and Arnold to join their captain, everything seemed lost.

But Big Bob Willis had different ideas while taking guard, and he



An almost faultless century by Greg Chappell (left) and a dutiful one by Ian Redpath enabled Australia score 289 for four



ruthlessly sabered on for 98 minutes. Edrich displayed the resolution which would have saved the game for England had everyone shown the same. From the time he came back, until Arnold's dismissal

— that was the last English wicket to fall — caught at short leg with only 35 balls left, Edrich set the right example. He remained unconquered with 30 runs to his credit. Several days later it was found that Lillee's ball had in fact cracked two of Edrich's ribs.

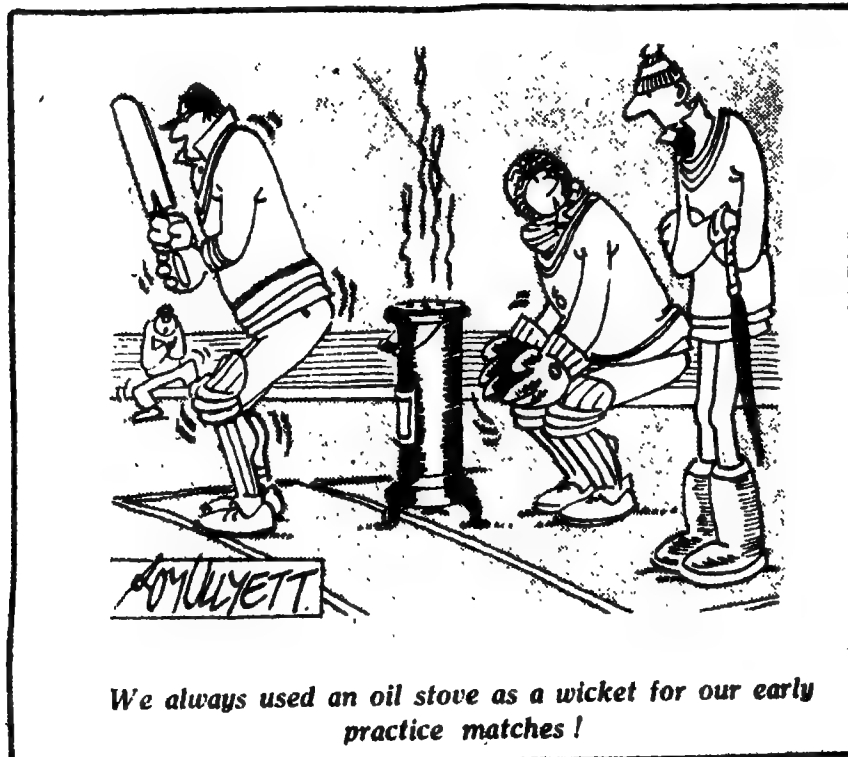
Several milestones were reached and crossed during this crucial Test, which Australia did win convincingly by a margin of 171 runs. Mallett captured his 100th wicket in his 23rd Test. For England, Arnold reached the same milestone in his 29th Test.

It was the 50th Test for Underwood while A.P.E. Knott played his 100th Test innings. The match attendance of 178,027 was a Sydney Cricket Ground record.

During the match 884,000 empty drink cans were removed at the end of play. That was the contribution of Sydney Hill alone!

The English players were booed to the extreme and *Sunday Telegraph* even ventured to publish a caricature of a battered English lion taken to Adelaide for the Fifth Test in a coffin!

And the Sydney Hill, even after dusk, was singing merrily: "Ashes to Ashes, and dust to dust — if Thomson don't get ya, Lillee must."



We always used an oil stove as a wicket for our early practice matches!

Sajjan Singh Cheema

INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER

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The intensity of his eyes in his team and bearded face is incredible.



At half-time the Indian team is calm and under pressure - and it shows on the faces of Sajjan Singh and Unwin Anthony.

IT IS THE fifth match of the Indo-Russian basketball series. The outdoor court at the Indian Gymkhana in Matunga, Bombay, is brightly lit against the dark of the winter's night, and the stands are full. It is almost half-time. The Russian team - tall, strong, and confident - has a comfortable 10 point lead. The Russian players, almost nonchalant, have had things very much their own way throughout the first half, in fact, throughout the previous four matches in the series, all of which the Russians have won. In this fifth match, they have again dominated. Rebounding, shooting, passing, quickness - the Russians are superior and their diminutive guard is superb, with excellent ball control and uncanny passing. And in defense the Russians have been overpowering their shifting zone defense following the ball from corner to corner and side to side, so that no Indian player is free with the ball; for more than a second or two. And if the ball does get inside, the tall Russians forwards are too rough and too quick. The Indian team loses its composure and shooting becomes erratic. The Indian players are under pressure, once again, and it shows. Abdul Hamid "Babu", Indian captain and feeder, is quick but often wild. Rajan, with his incredible leap, outjumps one Russian forward, but even he can't cope with three players, all taller than him, under the basket; and, most disappointing of all, Sajjan Singh Cheema, the highest scorer for India in the previous matches and a brilliant shooter, is totally off-form. He has only two points in the first half, the Russians press him unmercifully, and Sajjan becomes edgy. He forces his shot, misses, and then passes off when he finally does get a clear chance to shoot. He keeps hustling, keeps running, but his shot, which is really his game, is not going in. The intensity of his eyes in his lean and bearded face is incredible; he never gives up. But there is a hint of frustration. Then the buzzer goes for half-time. The teams leave the court, the Russians loose and confident, the Indians grim. The crowd is almost silent. The fans know that the Russians are a better team but they want India to fight back.

For Sajjan, it is a moment of truth. His whole game is based on his ability to shoot, and his shooting is based on confidence and timing. He must find that confidence, that rhythm, which allows him to shoot freely. In the first half, his confidence was almost shattered; but Sajjan knows what he must do. He must forget about the first half, and come out shooting in the second. The coach, Mr. Chansouria, who knows Sajjan's game well, keeps

right, and shoots. Basket! It is incredible. The Russians begin to panic, to lose their tempers. The scores are almost even. Every Indian player is inspired. And Sajjan is unstoppable. It is wonderful basketball, and the crowd loves it. At the final buzzer, the Russians are one point ahead, 82-81. But no one has really won or lost. For those magical 20 minutes in the second half, it was basketball at its best. Speed, shooting, toughness, excitement. And Sajjan Singh Cheema has scored 27 points in the second half alone.

Born in Dabulan, which lies in Kapurthala district in the Punjab, in 1957 Sajjan comes from a family which is unique in its contribution to Indian basketball. Including Sajjan, three of the Cheema family have represented India. The other two are Balkar Singh, Sajjan's older brother who plays for Services, and Kuldip Singh, Sajjan's cousin, who like Sajjan plays for Punjab. Then Sajjan's brother Gurmit Singh, has also played for Punjab in the Nationals, and Sajjan's younger brother, Hardip Singh, and cousin, Sukhdev Singh, are up and coming players. To have six outstanding basketball players from one village, much less one family, is amazing. Sajjan's father, S. Surjit Singh Cheema, was a wrestler in his day, so athletic ability does run in the Cheema blood. And, of course, the Punjab has always produced great athletes for India. In Sajjan's case, the inspiration from older brothers and cousins, especially Balkar, was vital. Combined with this was Sajjan's absolute commitment to practice and training, and his attitude to the game. Even today, with Sajjan a star, he still plays each game with complete intensity. And there are no frills, no tantrums. Sajjan still looks to improve his game, especially his passing and dribbling. This attitude of honest objectivity and level-headedness has brought Sajjan to the rank of international basketball player and India star, and will always sustain him through good times and bad.

Sajjan tells a very amusing incident which took place when he was in the 8th class. There was a tournament being held in Kapurthala, and Balkar was playing in it. Sajjan had gone to see his idol Hanuman or Hanu-ji, as he is affectionately called, play. Sajjan entered the court area with Balkar, and stood there, open-mouthed with amazement at seeing such great players in action. An official



The Russians put 2 defenders on Sajjan, but nothing could stop him shooting those magical 27 pts in the second half. A great player in a brilliant game!



Ace shooter Sajjan comes from a family that has 6 outstanding basketball players who have played at the highest level in India - an amazing contribution to the game!



For Sajjan it is a moment of truth. He must find that confidence, that rhythm, that timing which makes him an ace shooter.



3 pts for Sajjan 3 pts for India. And the crowd roars in

encouraging him to shoot and keep on shooting. Sajjan's face still hard and his eyes still tense. But his mind slips away to another time and another place.

Sajjan is a boy of fifteen and it's nighttime and he is cycling home alone through the dark. Punjab night cycling home to his village. Dabulian from Kapurthala 20 kilometre away where Sajjan had gone to play basketball. For there is no court in Dabulian a village of only 25 houses and the nearest court is in Kapurthala. And Sajjan wants to play basketball. He is in the 10th class a good student but the basketball bukhari has hit him. All he wants to be is a basketball player like his brothers Balkar and Gurmit and his cousin Kuldeep. He dreams of watching the legends of Indian basketball Hanuman Singh Radhe Shyam Hari Dutt Abbas Man Mohan Singh Ajmer Singh And he dreams above all of one day playing for India. As he cycles home all alone a little frightened these dreams keep him company.

And now here he is at the age of 27 playing for India. His dreams fulfilled. An international basketball player. He is not only playing for India but he is the star the high scorer and ace shooter. He knows that it depends on him. And he knows that in the first half he has to do in his team a job that pointed the crowd. As the referee blows his whistle to call the teams back onto court for the second half and as the coach pats Sajjan on the back and the team huddles together for a final Ja Hind Sajjan knows it is all up to him. The buck of the cycling home alone is to a man of 27 playing the game he loves.

The tall comes to Sajjan. He stands just outside the 19 ft 3 point ring at a 45 degree angle to the left of the basket. It is his favourite spot. With a small leap he snorts. Right wrist cocked left hand controlling the ball. Just above eye level. The wrist flicks gracefully the ball rolls off the long fingers in a low arc. Swish. Three points for Sajjan Singh three points for India. The crowd roars. Sajjan's expression doesn't change. But there is an extra bounce in his step and his movements become quick and sure. Babu steals the ball and passes quickly to Sajjan. Again the small jump the smooth release and another basket. The crowd is ecstatic. The Indian players clap Sajjan on the back. The whole team comes alive. Rajan leaps high above the rim to grab a rebound. In a flash the ball is again with Sajjan. Now two Russians are guarding him. Sajjan fakes by one player but the second Russian blocks him. Off balance Sajjan leans to the

caught hold of Sajjan and almost threw him out before Balkar came to his rescue. Today Sajjan laughs at this memory but his respect for Hanuman and other senior players has not diminished. As he says I always dreamt of playing for India. And when I finally did I couldn't believe it. To play with Hanuman and Ajmer and all the others and wear the India colours. It was the happiest day of my life.

Sajjan's first match for India was against the Rainwals team from the USSR played at Patiala in 1981. This great day was the culmination of years of hard work for Sajjan. The basketball bukhari hit him in the 10th class. Up until then I was a good student but after that it was all basketball. Mr Satish Kumar District Sports Officer Kapurthala was the coach who first inspired Sajjan to play basketball. And as Sajjan himself says The coach who made me a player is Mr Bhupinder Singh Punia the Principal at Government Physical Education College Patiala. It was Mr Punia who told Sajjan that a basketball player must be able to feel the ball without looking at it. To achieve this Sajjan would go onto the court in the early morning darkness and practice dribbling. He would also shoot on himself for hours on end long after the practice was finished. Even today shooting practice gives great pleasure to Sajjan. There is something in the perfection the symmetry of the ball swishing through the net which one never tires of. Soon this dedication and hard work began to pay off. Sajjan played for Guru Nanak Dev University in the Inter Varsity tournament at Jaipur in 1974. At that time Sajjan was more of a feeder than a shooter and he readily admits that I was not a very good feeder. In 1980 after completing one year of H's B A Sajjan joined his brother Balkar in the Services. As Balkar was already an established player and a feeder Sajjan began to concentrate on his shooting. He represented the Services in the 1980-81 Nationals at Indore even though he didn't play in any match. Then he left the Services and joined the Punjab Police where he is now a Sub Inspector. Since then Sajjan has represented Punjab at the Nationals and his proudest moment was in the Nationals at Cuttack in 84-85 when he led Punjab to the championship after a gap of 35 years. Previous to this Punjab with Sajjan as the main player had finished third in both 81-82 and 82-83 and second in 83-84. Thus the rise of Punjab as a basketball power came about with the rise of Sajjan as a player.



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Sajjan's and Punjab's rise to power at the Nationals in 1984-85 has been simultaneous. He very humbly states that he owes a great deal to coach Punia "...who made me into a basket-

SPORTSWEEK

Saijan Singh Cheema

Sajjan always plays a good clean game in attack and defence—no fancy lay-ups or sneaky fouls. His fitness, mobility and uncanny court-sense combined with his intense personal drive gets him into a good position to shoot, block and rebound. Everything he does on the court is under control, almost cool. Only his eyes give him away

Sajjan's international career and thus his development as a player has been limited by a lack of international matches both in India and abroad. The recent six match series against the Russians was the best basketball seen in India since the Asian in '82. When the Indian team went to the Olympics in '80 as a last minute invite because of the USA led boycott, Sajjan was not yet a member of the team. He became a regular from the Asian Basketball Championship held at Calcutta in '81 where as Sajjan modestly puts it, 'I put in a good performance'. This was followed in '82 by Sajjan's first trip abroad — to the Invitational tournament held in Korea. Kuldip also went on that trip and Sajjan is very grateful for Kuldip's help and guidance. Sajjan also got an opportunity to watch a very good American team in action at this tournament. In '82 he also went on a tour of USSR before the Asian Games in November. Again, Sajjan was in good form and his place in the Indian side was now established.

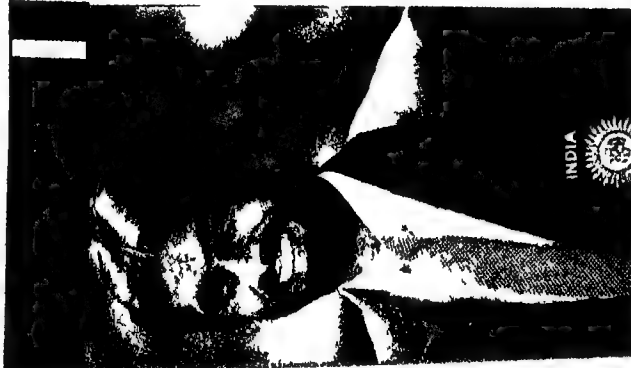
The Asian Games were not a very happy time for Indian basketball. The Russian coach brought to train the Indian team emphasised fitness and team basketball and tried to cut out any individuality in the team. In the process players like Hanuman Singh whom the coach considered too short and not enough of a team player were cut from the squad. As Sajjan says, 'A coach should give players freedom to play their natural game. The Russian coach was himself a good player and very fit but he pushed us too hard both in training and in games. He wanted us to play a very controlled and orthodox game. The result was unhappiness in the team, the eventual removal of the Russian coach during the course of the Asian tournament and a poor performance by India.'

long range or driving in for lay ups he was basically a one man team. But he was so consistent so controlled so without faults that the only thing one noticed was his sorrow at Punjab losing. Only later upon reading the papers did one realize that Sajjan had scored 38 points.

I have one bad habit. I don't see my teammates on the court. I am always ready only to shoot. This statement by Sajjan coming from a player who is an amazing shooter and very much a star for team mates and public alike sums up his whole attitude to basketball and to life. Sajjan is incredibly honest with himself and can never behave like the star. I love playing basketball. I never get tired of playing in tournaments. This love of the game shines through. The public loves Sajjan both on and off the court for he reflects a basic honest and simple city and yet at the same time a complete determination to succeed. The public is always with me. I am very lucky. It is rare indeed that Sajjan has to listen to the jeers of a very sharp tongued basketball public. Sajjan especially enjoys playing in Kerala where the fans always cheer good basketball no matter which team is playing well. As Sajjan says, 'The public must support a good team whichever that team might be.'

Sajjan's coolness on the court is in sharp contrast to many other leading players both in India and abroad. A player should put his anger into his game. He must control the anger and not let it dominate him. For Sajjan, basketball is a team game. All five players must be working together and if one player is a better shooter like Sajjan then he must be allowed to shoot. And shooting for Sajjan is both a physical and mental art. Body balance and confidence are vital. In the first half of the Russian game in Bombay there was a breeze

The "one-man-team" of Punjab in the match against TISCO. Sajjan played his heart out for Punjab in a losing effort. However he ended up with a top score of 38 pts. An amazing performance



16 international-level tournaments in 5 years of playing for India. Sajjan is happy to have played for India but feels they're not enough if you want to improve your game constantly—like he does.



Union Anthony and Reginald Rajan flank their 'senior' Sajjan. These 3 form the nucleus of the new young Indian team-for many more years to come R Rajan is really the young man to watch



Sajjan's game is basically a very simple one. Nothing spectacular no tantrums but effective. Like Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics Sajjan also has the killer 3-pointer

Since the Asian Sajjan has played for India against two visiting teams from the USA. Athletes in action in 83 and a team from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 84. Neither team especially the latter was of a high standard. It was not until the Russian team one of the several being prepared in Russia for the 88 Olympics came to India in the February, 85 that Sajjan and the other Indian players were exposed to high level basketball in India. Sajjan did make another trip abroad in 83 for the 12th Asian Basketball Championship in Hong Kong. And the team is again being prepared for the 13th ABC to be held in the middle of 85. But all told Sajjan has played in only six tournaments of international standard in his five years of playing for India. It is a great pity that more good teams like the Russian one do not visit India. Especially sad is that no really good American team has ever visited India since the Globetrotters came almost 25 years ago. Constant exposure to high level international basketball is so vital for players and fans alike. And for any young player the only way to improve is to watch the very best in art on. Hopefully even if teams do not visit India coverage of even such like the Olympics will give basketball fans in India some chance to increase their knowledge and appreciation of the game.

Sajjan's game is basically a very simple one. Very like Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics. Sajjan is tall by Indian standards at 6'3" but not over 200 pounds and although every foot is not a particularly fast mover on the court. His ball control and dribbling is above average but not brilliant. Sajjan makes up for these deficiencies with an amazing intensity and of course his court sense and his shooting. He is always moving both on offense and on defense getting into good position whether to shoot or rebound or block. It is this ability, this drive which sets him apart. And everything he does on court is under control almost cool. Only his eyes give him away. Set in a lean and chiseled face they literally burn with intensity. As one of his Indian teammates says. Before a game Sajjan gets that look on his face. And then you had better watch out.

Even Sajjan's shooting which is the strong point of his game is so smooth that it can go unnoticed. There are no spectacular twisting lay ups or leaping hook shots. In a recent match in the Ramu Memorial tournament in Bombay, Sajjan played his heart out for Punjab in a losing effort. Fighting for rebounds hustling on defense shooting from

behind and this put me shooting off. When began to miss I felt under pressure and stopped shooting. That was my mistake. Even the coach and my teammates were telling me to keep on shooting. But I didn't. Only in the second half I began shooting right away. The breeze had stopped and I made the first few shots and my confidence came back.

Sajjan loves to play against a good team and guard a strong player. It brings out the best in him. He studies the opposing players very closely. Basketball is very much a mental game. You must know your teammates and your opponents equally well. And you must be able to think and react while running at top speed. That is the beauty of basketball. Sajjan also has a clean game. Not that he cannot be rough and punch and shove under the backboard. But he doesn't like sneaky fouls or intentional roughness. Sajjan respects other players and they respect him. He is seldom the victim of a pre-determined foul or an opponent's anger.

Before a game Sajjan likes to have a cup of tea, and then warm up. Sprints and snuffing drills off the court should build up a slight sweat. This is the key to the shooting practice and lay ups on the court. For Sajjan fitness has never been a problem. His stamina is excellent and in training camps he is always doing all in cross country runs. By the grace of God I have never had any injuries. And especially no knee problems. Like so many other players. At 27 Sajjan is absolutely lean and fit and looks good for another 10 years. As he says. Age is not important. One's game is important. And these days with scientific training and improved diet and facilities there is no reason why a player cannot go on playing until he is at least 35.

In December of 83 Sajjan married Paramjit Kaur, sister of Balwinder Singh Sandhu the Bombay and Test cricketer. The honeymoon was spent at the Nationals at Calcutta and by the grace of God Paramjit who knew nothing about basketball before marrying Sajjan soon became his greatest fan and inspiration. They now have a lovely daughter and the family tries to see Sajjan play as often as possible. But Sajjan is often away from home (which is now Jalandhar) for months on end. What with training camps and tournaments. I had not seen my daughter for four months. When I finally returned home I was ambushed by her!



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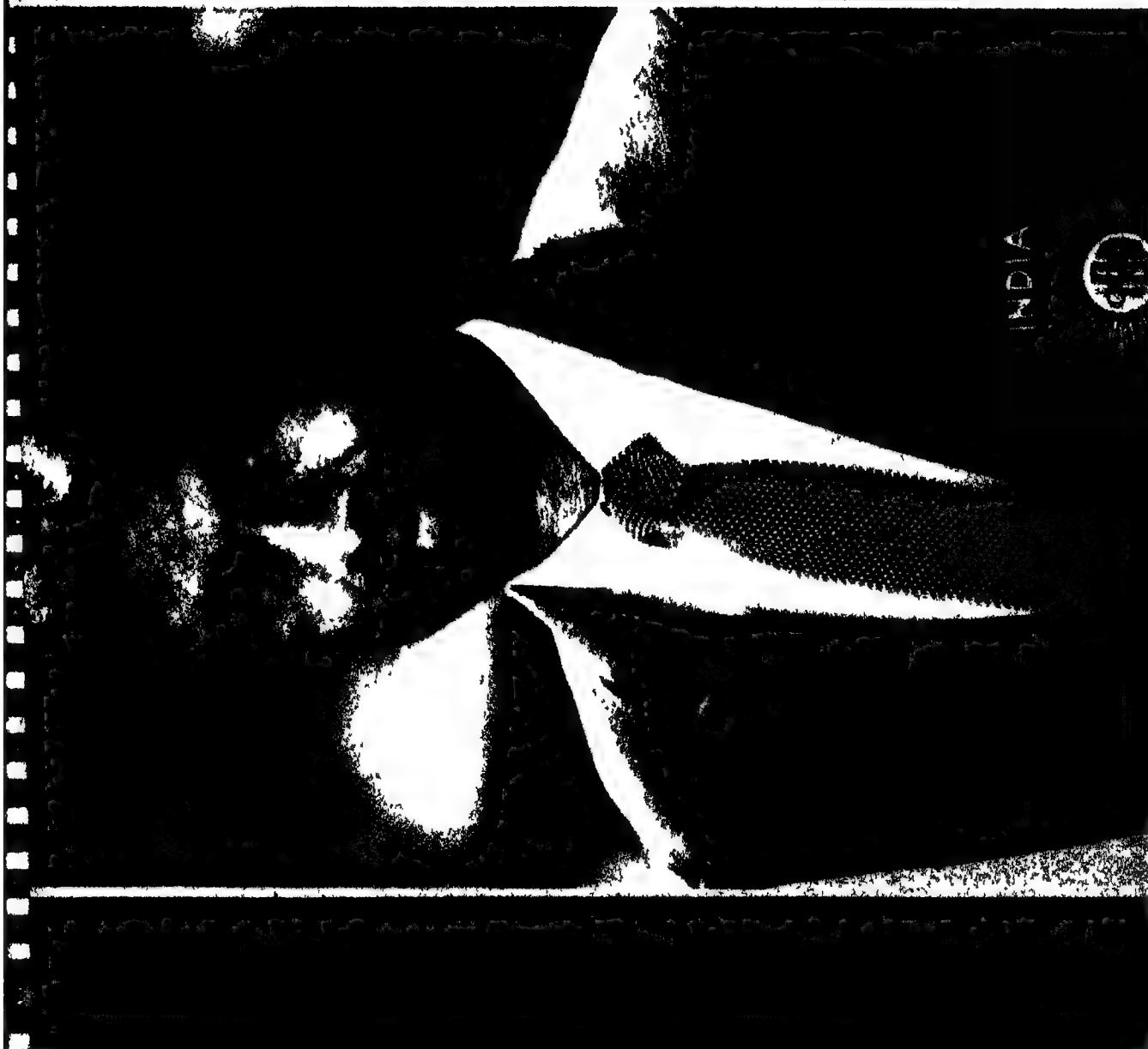


Sajjan with his childhood hero, Abbas Montasser at the Indo-Russia match. Sajjan also received the 'Best Indian Player' award from the Russian team manager.

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A host of new crop on display

By N.A. Ryan

THE main purpose of organizing this particular tournament by the Basketball Federation of India has always been to prepare the Indian team before the Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) Championship, be it for men or women, every alternate year.

This year the onus of holding the pre-Asian tournament was on West Bengal Basketball Association who chose their most enthusiastic district organization, Burdwan, to host the meet. And they did it creditably.

With the object of selecting probables during this meet, most of the selectors were present at Burdwan

watching the top four top teams that finished in the semifinals in the last nationals at Cuttack. Among them being Punjab and Rajasthan, the winners and runners-up, who upset the most fancied – and winners of many a national – the Services, who had finished third with Railway taking the fourth berth.

In order that other players from various other state teams may be considered for the selection, they were huddled into a Rest of India team besides the hosts, West Bengal.

It was indeed a difficult and stupendous job for the observers of

the parent body who saw a host of new crop on display. None of the two top teams, Punjab and Rajasthan, had their veterans and experienced players like the indomitable Hanuman Singh whose ball handling, swerving dodges and uncanny passes have always thrilled the connoisseur of this fast game was playing. Nor were other teammates Narain Kalla, S. Chaturvedi. They all chose to keep away from the tournament so that youngsters got a chance in the selections.

The result was that they had a completely new team with Sajjan Singh at the helm of affairs. Though Rajasthan and Punjab lost their vital



Rest of India, winners of the Pre-Asian Basketball Championship at Burdwan



Punjab's Sajjan Singh (left) baskets in the match against Rajasthan

three matches against Services, Rest of India and Railways they showed their latent talent

Rajasthan had in its team quite a number of youngsters like Rajul Choudhury, who was not only a prolific scorer but also did a lot of scheming and had the ability to score from far. This sinewy, lanky Rajasthanian lad has plenty of basketball sense in him, and one had presumed that the basketball pundits would call him for the camps; but chose not to include him in the 22 they selected, before the Commonwealth Basketball Championship, to be held in Kuala Lumpur in August this year

The selectors, however, could not ignore another talented Rajasthanian player, Pushpender Singh who along with Ram Kumar, son of former India international Khushi Ram, did a yeoman's service not only in the tournament here, but against the visiting Russians, where he was one of the best of the team, and at the Cuttack Nationals. Both these players gave some anxious moments to the Rest of India in their Round Robin league encounter. The final scores of 69-62 in favour of Rest speaks of the tenacious fight they put up.

The neck to neck tussle right

from the beginning, made the Rest put out their best and they remained so till the end of the first half when both the teams were locked 37

Rajasthan even made Railways toil for their victory by a slender margin of nine points at 71-62. True Railways would have won by a bigger margin, but Abdul Hamid, their main gamemaker began playing his favourite strategy when he started fouling frequently, and as a result he had completed the stipulated five to be out of the court. This was, however, no hindrance as they had at that time enough advantage to be safe.

Railways who had the services of veterans Hamid, Sayed Bijapuri and Satya Prakash, all of whom have done duty for India at one time or the other were a perfect outfit

This was one of the main reasons that Railways were able to show their class against the inexperienced players of other teams. In fact, for their teamwork they were able to snatch two vital wins over Rajasthan and Punjab. But they could, this far and no further. They were a complete flop against the mighty Services, so were they against the Rest. Against the latter they lost by

over 30 points margin, while against Services by a difference of about twenty points.

The favourites in the last Nationals at Cuttack, the Services reinforced their team which has been saturated with old bogeys like Radhey Shyam, Om Prakash Senior, Attar Singh and many others.

The only player who continued to show promise was S.C. Mali, who within a span of less than two years has turned out to be one of the best players in the country. To a lesser extent, the other player who showed some promise was Om Prakash Junior. The Services have over the years been sailing on cloud nine. But that heady wine attitude was shattered when they lost to Rajasthan in the semi-finals. The slide down, to a lesser extent, gave them the chance to once again recoup themselves. But only for a brief period.

In their match against the lowly Bengal they were trailing for the first 20 minutes, though by a slender margin. Whatever the scores, this had a telling effect on the team members and they started committing errors aplenty.

Though they won the match their reputation as the most disciplined team was at stake. Their coach, Capt. Rajan was visibly upset by this and gave some pep talk to the team, and even conducted a late evening session at the courts.

This dressing down indeed did a lot to the team's morale as they did well in their next encounter. But to what extent could a veteran player last? The Services had to wilt under the younger and fitter team, the Rest of India, after both these teams had recorded four wins from five matches, and were pitted against each other in the final on the last day.

But what a disappointment! The Services and the Rest team who were both playing a tension ridden match went all on the defensive. The result was that the score hardly ticked. The pace was so slow that the players indulged more in faults rather than scoring.

At half time Rest led a mere three points, at 26-23. But suddenly there was slackening down in the Services teamwork and they crumbled like nine pins.

Services lost by a margin of nearly 30 points. Thus Rest inflicted a second reverse on Services to gain the title.

One thing that was discernible from this tournament was, that the matches did not produce big scores as one would have expected. The three point rule introduced recently and invoked during the Cuttack Na-

tionals, is an incentive to any long ranger - and with most of the Services players being over six feet, one expected they would have no difficulty in piling up big scores, but it was not to be so.

Against the Railways, Services did show this vital improvement by shooting in three consecutive three point baskets. But that was only in patches. They need more and harder training for this.

The only team that took advantage of the three points were the Punjab youngsters, especially their seasoned player Sajjan Singh. He was perfect in form and will be an asset for the Indian team.

The 22 players selected after the tournament, however, may cast aspersions on the selectors as to what made them again choose veteran players like: the Services' Radhey Shyam, Om Prakash senior, and Sunil Panda of Bihar who has lost the reflexes, and who with the exception of foiling stray moves of opponents, was more a liability than an asset.

The only redeeming feature of the selections was the retaining of a number of players from the Rest of India team who were excellent indeed. The most prominent among them being the agile, R Rajan of Karnataka.



Rest of India's Unwin Anthony (left) is about to be prevented from scoring by the Services' defenders

The following are the 22 players selected: Sunil Tandon, Ratna Rao and Unwin Anthony, and Sunil Panda all from Bihar; R Rajan of Karnataka; Radhey Shyam, Om Prakash Sr, Om Prakash junior, Mohunder Singh, S C Mail of Services, Md Rizwan of Andhra Pradesh, K S Gill

of Madhya Pradesh; Abdul Hamid, Sayed Bijapuri and Satya Prakash all of Railways; Sajjan Singh, Dalwinder Singh and Kuldip Singh, all of Punjab; Ajmere Singh, Ram Kumar and Pushpendra Singh all of Rajasthan; and Senthyl Vadivelu of Tamil Nadu.

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STAY HYDRATED



Indian Airlines find a place in the sun

By David D'Souza



The winners live to fight another day . Indian Airlines with the Gold Cup they won when they beat Pakistan International Airlines 4-1 in the final

THE callous hands ached joyfully. They had struck a point. Age-old wisdom had prevailed over freshness of youth. Army Service Corps (Jalandhar) found that deceiving chink in the armour when they held Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) to a 0-0 draw in the main league.

All India State Bank made them sweat in the same league encounter before succumbing 0-6. Tata Sports Club, widened the chink found by ASC when they held them to a 1-1 draw before bowing out via the tie-breaker in the semis.

And then Indian Airlines, comprising players who had their best years behind them, broke PIA and

smashed them into smithereens, with a 4-1 victory in the final of the Bombay Gold Cup Hockey Tournament which concluded last week.

And for the first time in nearly two decades the crowds came back to the sport and the venue, the Bombay Association stadium which they had abandoned in disgust.

The spectators, some of them who stood for hours outside the booking office, sat cheek by jowl on the groaning stands and watched favourites and the only foreign invitee PIA get the worst of the encounter.

Indian Airlines who had faced th-

is team two years ago in the Aga Khan Hockey tournament and lost very narrowly (4-5) made this final a grand victorious one.

When PIA entered this tournament, they must have been under the impression that victory will come easy. In fact, Qasim Zia, the PIA skipper who was here two years ago, said at an informal meet-the-press, "I don't think there will be any problem. Although we are pretty young, our team is a fighting lot, and inshallah, we'll win."

However, after the final, Qasim Zia was singing a different tune. He morosely said, "Indian Airlines were a better side. I think we played



badly. You see, we had not practised as a team for over a month, and the only time we met was at the airport, before coming here. Another factor that went against us was that we rarely play on grass these days since all our matches are played on Astro Turf.

I had written that nothing short

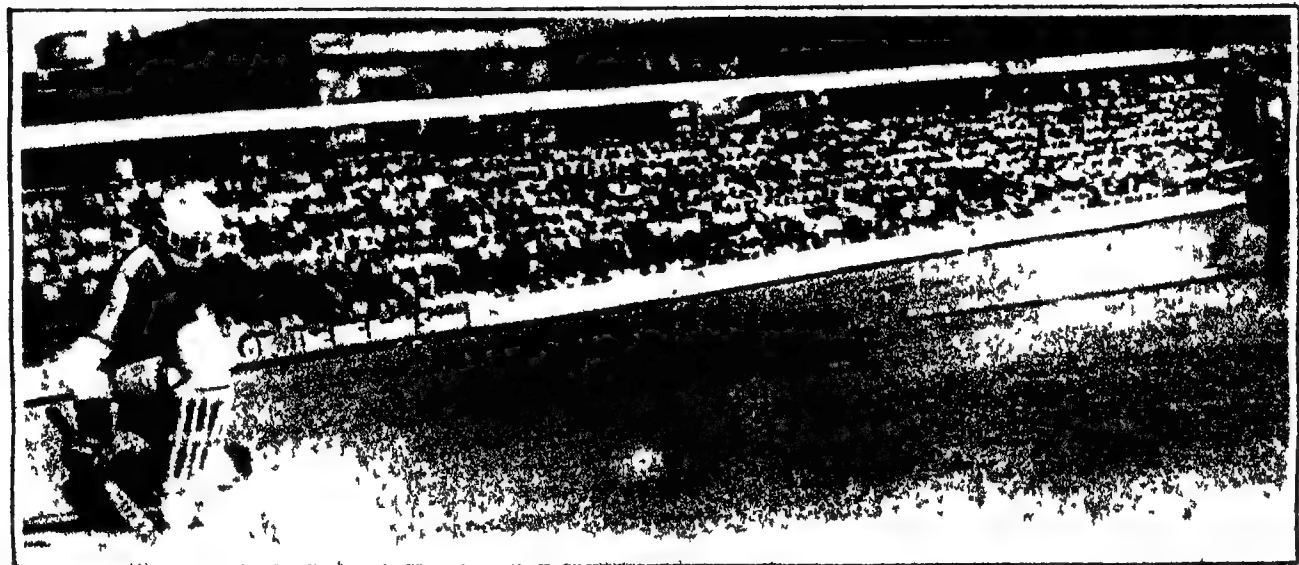
Pakistan International Airlines, but for the initial outburst were subdued by the Indian heroes.

of a miracle could hold back PIA from flying across the border with the trophy. Well, the miracle happened, and Indian Airlines made it come true.

The Indian stars certainly started as underdogs. Not really, but the psychological factor hung heavily on the Indian counterparts.

PIA were without Manzoor Senior and Junior on the defence and intermediate line respectively. Senior retired from hockey two years ago and Junior was out of contention as he had injured himself before their departure for Bombay.

Thus the only competent man to hold tight the defence was captain and stopper Qasim Zia. But what could one man do when the whole



TOP: Sukhbir Singh Grewal... the IA wily warhorse was the superman in the IA rank. **ABOVE:** Grewal (right) nets the equaliser past the PIA 'keeper Shahid Ali Khan.



IA captain Merwyn Fernandes watches a penalty-corner attempt go out

strike line of Indian Airlines was an inspired force of attack?

What could Salim Sherwani on the inside-right position and Mumtaz Haider, the tall opportunistic spearhead who were marshalled and bottled by the best centre-half in the country, Hardeep Singh, do?

That is what exactly happened last Friday. Mumtaz Haider's goal for PIA in the very fourth minute of the encounter, heralded a tall-scoring match. But that was as far as they could go, because it was the day of two of the oldest members of the team, Sukhbir Singh

Garry Grewal, and that twinkler Ashok Kumar.

Grewal it was who shot home through the pads of Shahid Ali for the equaliser three minutes later and Grewal it was again who in the 20th minute scored the goal that could have been rated as one of the finest ever seen.

Ashok Kumar sent Zafar streaking down the left flank and when Ayaz Mehmood moved menacingly up to threaten him from the defence, he switched the ball to Merwyn the skipper, who moved inside the penalty-area, and again

sent it to Zafar. One more passing bout near the goalmouth and the ball was pushed forward to Grewal who moved to the left and with a wristy flick, sent the ball passed the dazed keeper Shahid Ali and a horde of defenders.

It was 2-1 for Indian Airlines, but

This was their third victory in 13 appearances

it was worth a lot for the spectators, who rose as one and applauded Grewal for over a minute. It was these goals that had made India one of the best nations in hockey in the days of yore, and the old timer in the stand, remembered those days when Lusitanians dethroned Punjab Police. Merwyn and Gursharan Singh completed the tally.

Ayaz Mehmood in the right stopper position was the man who stemmed the tide of runs down the left flank by Zafar and to a certain extent Merwyn Fernandes.

If it was not for this clean-shaven 21-year-old, India's former captain Zafar Iqbal would have had PIA down at their knees. He played a stellar role in keeping Zafar away from the PIA goal. What endeared him to the crowds was his good clean hockey, which was devastating too.

On the other side, Hardeep Singh, could veritably have been named the player of the tournament. This



Bombay's acting governor and the chief guest of the evening K. Madhav Reddy being introduced to Ashok Kumar by captain Merwyn Fernandes

youngster manned his position like a captain steering the course from the cockpit. He stuck onto Mumtaz Haider like a leech, and rarely let him out of sight. And the passes that he sent up from the middle were simply fantastic.

Ishtiaq Ahmed, his counterpart in the opposite camp could do no more than muddle up the scene with his weak passing. Salim Sherwani as usual proved to be too individualistic and was rightfully replaced by Iftikar Ahmed midway into the second session.

This was their third victory in 13 appearances, and Indian Airlines certainly clipped the wings of PIA. And what a spectacular performance by the old wily warhorses, Grewal and Ashok Kumar.

PIA had a shaky start from the very first encounter. However, it was Tata Sports Club, who really shook them to the core. In the semi-finals, the Bombay House lads drove the visitors helter-skelter with their uncharted play.

It was more Kaushik, than anybody up front who played like someone possessed, and Olympio, under the Tata bar helped to the fullest to keep Mumtaz Haider and Co. at bay.

After the 1-1 draw, the tie breaker was resorted to, and Tatas became the unlucky team to lose by the whisker.

At this point, a word about the



The PIA stalwart who failed to perform as he had done 2 years ago in the Aga Khan, Mumtaz Haider

umpiring. Except for a few good ones like Bhuller and Bawa, the others were atrocious. But the one to take the cake was umpire Satinderpal Singh Walia.

He applied the advantage rule when it was not supposed to, and in PIA's two encounters with ASC and Tata Sports Club, he looked askance at several blatant fouls committed by the visiting team.

It was especially blatant in the tie-breaker against Tata Sports Club in the semis, when he did not

notice PIA 'keeper Shahid Ali Khan move even before the player positioned the ball.

In the other semis, Indian Airlines overcame the tough Army Service Corps (Jalandhar). It was a hard-fought match, as the army-men were anything but sitting targets for the heroes. However, it was destined that the two airlines should meet in the final and ASC and to rest content at having to beat Tata Sports Club and win the Hardlines trophy.



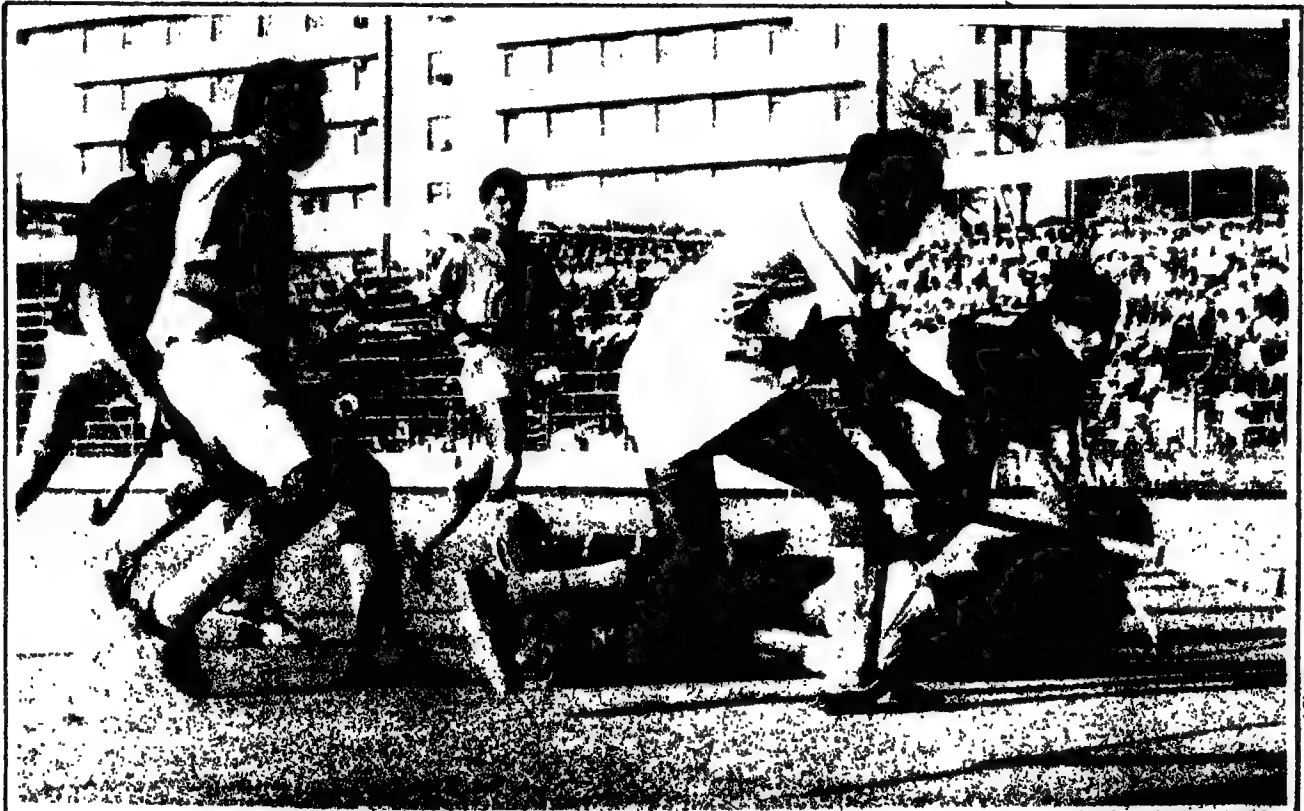
ASC won the Hardlines Trophy when they beat Tata Sports Club 10-9 via sudden death. Here Christopher Lalra misses a shy at the Tata goal but Olympio the goalkeeper is quicker



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The two semifinals actions: TOP: Indian Airlines' Merwyn appeals for a penalty corner when an ASC defender obstructs him. BELOW: Tata's custodian (grounded) thwarts PIA's Khalid Hamid near the Tata goal



Pics: Gopal Shetty



BID FOR THE GAMES...

Olympics crazy

Britain's race to host the Games

By CHRISTOPHER HILTON

B RITAIN HAS gone crazy to get the Olympics. At least three – and possibly four – major cities are considering bids for the next available Games in 1992.

It is such an intense scramble that Charles Palmer, chairman of the British Association, has been given an extension by the International Olympic Committee – until the end of the summer – so bids can be pro-

perly presented.

The cities are London, Birmingham, Manchester and one other – unnamed and mysterious, who only joined the scramble a couple of weeks ago.

Before Los Angeles last summer – funded by private capital and making £160 million profit – the Games were widely regarded as a beast capable of destroying financially any non-Communist city with

the temerity to hold them.

Montreal will be paying for the 1976 Games well into the next century. Los Angeles tamed the beast and gave it a sudden, irresistible appeal.

What real chance have any of the British candidates? Barcelona is a bidder and Juan Samaranch, president of the International Committee, comes from Barcelona.

Paris is a bidder and 1992 just happens to be the centenary of Frenchman Baron de Coubertin's idea to revive the modern Games.

Other front runners: Brisbane, happy host of the 1982 Commonwealth Games; Amsterdam and New Delhi.

The candidates... and what they have to offer

LONDON, which hosted the Olympic Games in 1908 and 1948 poses particular problems. The city itself has to apply. The Government cannot; the British Olympic Association cannot.

It leaves the Greater London Council due to be abolished next year or the Lord Mayor. He could set up a consortium and presumably act as co-ordinator, figure head or driving force.

Main problem: You need vast facilities – there were 23 sports at Los Angeles, more than 7,500 competitors – and London's are widely scattered in a city choked by traffic.

MANCHESTER already have their own driving force, a theatre director called Bob Scott. "We believe the city is a good solution to all problems and a good bid in itself," he says.

He went to Los Angeles earlier this month and spent three days looking at their figures. He said: "There is an inferiority complex about Manchester being at the wrong end of the country."

His avowed aim: To banish that.

The main problem: Building an athletics stadium and a swimming pool.

BIRMINGHAM have – "if you move out and embrace The Midlands – just about everything. Coun-

cillor Ken Barton, chairman of their Olympic working group, says Birmingham has the strongest case among all the British contenders.

"Our existing facilities at the National Exhibition Centre and the Alexander Stadium, where work has already begun on a £15 million indoor arena development, could cater for a large number of indoor events.

And swimming at Coventry cy-

cling at Leicester, rowing at Holme Pierrepont.

Main problem: A city is favoured rather than an area containing several.

And the fourth candidate? It is not, evidently, Glasgow, Edinburgh or Southampton – names which have been whispered.

Whoever it is, it must surely declare itself soon.





Conti—The man behind Italy's triumph

By Debabrata Chowdhury

WHEN Enzo Bearzot announced his side to confront West Germany in the 1982 World Cup final at Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium on July 11, many Italian hearts simply sank.

The name of Giancarlo Antognoni was missing from the line-up. And the midfielder was no ordinary player, he was the guiding light of Italy.

A wily man, Bearzot, however, knew what he was doing. An outstanding player as he certainly was, Antognoni was so badly injured in the semi-final game against Poland that he had to be carried off the

field on a stretcher and Bearzot reckoned that using an unfit player on a big occasion like the World Cup final would be too high a risk.

In the end two things proved the correctness of Bearzot's decision. Firstly, his West German counterpart Jupp Derwall fielded an injured Rummenigge and paid the price as the blond German was easily marked out of the game by 19-year-old Giuseppe Bergomi and secondly because he had a player named Bruno Conti who in the absence of Antognoni would surpass his own hitherto limited ability to earn the universal accolade as the

Man-of-the-Match

True, Iveco company gave the prize, a minibus, to another Italian, Marco Tardelli after the final but many experts, including Pele, unequivocally said that it was Bruno Conti who should have got the award.

Pele added that despite Paolo Rossi's wonderful goals which went a long way to give the Cup to Italy, it was Conti who alone played consistently well throughout the tournament and without his dash and verve it would have been impossible for Italy to emerge out triumphant.



Bruno Conti(16) shoots but the Polish 'keeper dives to save the high ball in a Spain World Cup semi match, which Italy won 2-0

In the first round Italy played three games against Poland, Peru and Cameroon and scored but two goals, one of which came from Bruno Conti. Conti did not score any goals in the two second round games that Italy had to play but he set up two superb ones for Antonio Cabrini and Paolo Rossi - against Argentina and Brazil, respectively. And in the semi-final against Poland it was again Conti whose perfectly chipped cross was nodded in by Rossi for Italy's second goal.

In the final itself, Conti it was who got a penalty for Italy as early as in the 24th minute when he was pulled down by Hans-Peter Briegel. But unfortunately Cabrini hit his shot wide of the near post. With the game in its 80th minute, when Briegel was pleading for a penalty after a theatrical fall, Conti sprinted 60 yards down the right wing and made a perfect square pass which was gleefully converted by Alessandro Altobelli.

Although Paul Breitner pulled one back for West Germany shortly after, the game was as good as over with that third goal which became possible only because of Conti.

So, it was after all not a bad World Cup for a player who was once told by none other than Helenio Herrera that he would never be able to make it to the top and whom even Enzo Bearzot kept on the sidelines for what appeared to be an inordinately long time.

Born on March 13, 1955, Conti grew up on the Mediterranean coast in the town of Nettuno and during his childhood he played both baseball and football equally well.

By the time he was 14, he scored 34 goals for the Nettuno boys' team and the club president proudly took him along to the training ground of AS Roma.

But Helenio Herrera, the legendary coach in charge of Roma at the time thumped him down mainly on the ground that he was too small. Herrera, the inventor of the much-publicised, much-maligned catenaccio system, said: "With his physique he does not look good enough to play as a professional, let alone making it to the top."

Dejected, Conti thought of moving to California on an athletic scholarship but on his family's refusal, he stuck to football. Shortly after, he asked for a trial with the Cos club of Latina, where he was watched and rejected by the scouts of Juventus, the biggest and most famous of all Italian clubs.

Finally, he was signed by a fourth Italian club, Anzio, just down the

coast from Nettuno. There he came under Domenico Biti, one of the best youth coaches in Italy. Under Biti, Conti flourished and at last Roma picked him up.

Progress, however, was extremely slow as during the years 1972 to 1975 Conti made only four league appearances and the result was Roma farmed him out to Genoa, then a Serie B team.

The change, however, proved to be a blessing for Conti. He played in all the 36 league games during the season, scored three goals and made thrice that number for Roberto Pruzzo, now his teammate in the Italian national team. But most important of all Gigi Simoni, the Genoa manager, transformed him from a centre-forward of limited possibilities into a dangerous raiding winger which he is now.

In 1975-76, Roma called him back but in 1978-79 he was again sent on loan to Genoa. Ironically, it was as part of a deal which saw Pruzzo move over to Roma.

Luckily for Conti, however, Nils Liedholm, Sweden's World Cup captain in 1958, took over the managership of Roma at the time and he immediately wanted Conti back in his team. The request was granted by the Board of Directors and Conti prospered under the Swede's tutelage.

On October 10, 1980, Conti made his international debut in the World Cup qualifying game against Luxembourg which Italy won 2-0. With Franco Causio still around Conti could not take his right-wing place in the national team for granted even though he got a brilliant goal against Yugoslavia the following year.

But fond as Bearzot was of Causio - to give the ageing winger a brief share in the World Cup glory Bearzot brought him in the 88th minute of the final - the Italian manager did not fail to notice the rapid improvement in Conti's game

and the result was Conti, in spite of Causio being there in Spain, was preferred in all the games.

And it was Spain which brought the best out of Conti. The beauty of the Italian team during the later stages of the World Cup was their dash, panache, even impudence, and the very embodiment of all this was Conti.

Bubbling with new confidence, Conti came back to Italy and the following season he played a leading role in winning the league championship for Roma - a feat the club did not achieve during the last forty years.

Everything, however, cannot go right all the time and Conti discovered this during the 'Champions' Cup final against Liverpool at Rome's Olympic Stadium on May 30, 1984. Though he was undoubtedly the most dangerous man on the field it was he who killed his team's chances of winning the Cup by blasting over during the penalty shoot-out.

In the club itself his relations with Liedholm also went sour and the talk was rife that he could again be used during the summer as a part exchange deal.

But things took a turn for the better as far as Conti was concerned. Liedholm went to AC Milan, for whom he played in the fifties, and another Swede, Sven-Goran Eriksson took over as manager of Roma. Conti became the captain of the team which now boasted of players like Toninho Cerezo, Paolo Roberto Falcao, Francesco Graziani and Roberto Pruzzo.

But in spite of the conglomeration of so many stars, Roma fell apart this season and to make matters worse, Conti was sent off against AC Milan (a game which Roma lost 1-2) and collected a two-week suspension.

With injury restricting the appearances of some key players like Pruzzo, Falcao and Cerezo, Roma recently lost their game against Sampdoria 0-3 and the result put them in the bottom half of the table from where they are unlikely to haul themselves up at the moment.

But this will not in any way diminish the value of Conti or endanger his place in the national team.

Indeed, it is Conti, along with only a few who went to Spain, whose place would remain secure even in Mexico. Whether he would emerge again as the best winger of the competition, as he was in Spain, is another matter but there will not be many players to challenge his supremacy.



They made me out to be a super-bum, says Borg

By Roy Carson

BJORN BORG disclosed last week how his tangled love life has been portrayed like something out of Dallas—with him cast as the villainous J R

The former tennis ace came



Swedish beauty Jannike Bjorling

under the spotlight of the world's media when he left his wife Mariana for 18-year-old Swedish beauty Jannike Bjorling

Borg, who was divorced from Roumanian born Mariana, 28, last November, said "We've become a continuing episode of Dallas"

When I broke up with Mariana and went public with Jannike I was made to feel a super bum just like J R Ewing

But he added "It doesn't bug me—I like J R"

Borg 29 said he was still good friends with his ex wife and saw her occasionally

Cuddling Jannike at the Monte Carlo Country Club where he was photographed a year ago with Mariana in a show of marital bliss he said "There is no bitterness"

Our divorce wasn't as painful as I had expected

We were aware our marriage had gone down the tube a long time before I met Jannike. It came as no shock to her

The five-times Wimbledon champion, who retired in 1981, denied he was chasing after his lost youth when he was too busy winning tournaments to have girlfriends

If Jannike were 40 years old we'd be the same people in love," he said

He denied gossips' allegations that he was living out the life he never had as a teenager

But I enjoy the freedom I have now to spend more time on myself he added

I can do the things I want to do I travel around the world a lot. In fact I'm having a hell of a good time

Each morning when I get out of bed I know what I have before me. I don't have to look at a blank wall and ask myself "What next?"

I've begun to organise my life better than I ever could before

Sevvy is hit by mystery allergy

SPANIARD Severiano Ballesteros seeks new medical help for his superstar golf career

Sevvy, rated the most exciting player in the world, went through the U S Masters title battle hiding a growing anxiety

Ballesteros's hands, the source of his delicate touch and power, have been scarred and left tender by a mystery ailment

Manuel Ballesteros, who was caddie for his brother on the Augusta National course, revealed, "We have seen doctors, now it is time for specialist treatment"

"The belief is that Sevvy is suffering from an allergy. Our worry is that it is directly connected to golf—possibly the rubber compound in the grips of his clubs. It might even have something to do with grass."

"We don't know the answer, but we have to find it quickly. My brother has the most marvellous hands in the game and nothing must be allowed to happen to them."



Mariana and Bjorn Borg during days of togetherness

Marvellous Marvin floors Hit-man Hearn

From SYDNEY HULLS
in LAS VEGAS

MARVELOUS Marvin Hagler said: "This is what you call a sweet victory. Tommy Hearn and I went to war. Now I hope he admits I'm the better man."

Not only a better man, but a great, great middle-weight champion.

For years Hagler, 30, has been searching for worldwide recognition of his talent as an outstanding champion of his time.

The quest ended after eight minutes and one second at Caesars Palace on an unforgettable, warm April night.

The best of boxing from Muhammad Ali to Sugar Ray Robinson was among the 15,000 crowd assembled to observe the ascent of Hagler to the status of a boxing great.

And to see him perform his task at the excellently rewarded rate of about one million pounds a minute.

Three rights to the head had sent Detroit's saucy slim man Hearn, skittering round the ring and down, spreadeagled like a giant black starfish in the ring floor.

As Hearn rose dizzily, referee Richard Steele counted to nine and then stopped the fight. "Hearn's eyes were glazed and his legs were very wobbly," said Steele.

So after two minutes and one second of the third round, Hagler successfully defended his undisputed middleweight title for the 11th time.

But there was much more than that in the fight.

By common consent they were the three most exciting rounds of action ever seen.

It was calculated that in the brief space of boxing time Hagler con-

Golf boy on the Mark

SCHOOLBOY golfer Mark Dawson was a little short of pocket money last week after buying lemonade to celebrate his fourth hole-in-one in four years.

Fourteen-year-old Mark, of Seahouses, Northumberland, is now waiting to see if his feat will get him into Guinness Book of Records as the youngest player to hit four aces.



Marvin Hagler

connected with 96 out of 173 punches thrown and Hearn landed 94 out of 166.

I am still shell-shocked by the ferocity of Hagler's opening attack.

This was a fighter hell-bent on proving he was the world's greatest in his division.

Why did not Hearn get up on those long legs and dance away?

Why did he permit this fight to continue as if it were in a telephone box?

"The reason I started out slugging," said Hearn, "was because I

had to show Marvin I deserved some respect."

In other words, pride made him stand there, fight it out... and fail.

By standing instead of moving, Hearn forfeited all his advantages in height and reach, the assets that were supposed to win him the title.

The war was won in the opening round when Hearn unleashed his belt punches and the champion continued to advance, bounding his 11th 5^{1/4} lb frame in the air to reach the challenger's jaw.

"In the first round, Tommy threw everything at me except the kitchen sink. But I proved I could take his good right hand."

The champion had gambled everything on proving he could take Hearn's best punch - and the gamble had come off.

Hagler had been cut on the forehead above his right eye in the opening round and blood running down his face made him look even more fearful.

Hagler said: "When I see blood, I turn into a bull."

And charging forward again he fired the three rights that sent Hearn flat on his back.



If he's not doing an impression of "Hit Man" Hearn I'd say he's had one too many.



The fare so far was good

By R. Arvindam

THE NINTH FEDERATION Cup football tournament being hosted by Bangalore for the first time ever is nearly a fortnight old and though

only Md Sporting and Dempo, Goa of the 16 teams are yet to be seen in action at the time of writing, the fare produced so far has been good,

bad and indifferent

Those who have taken an all-Calcutta final for granted must be having second thoughts after Salgaocar's fine showing in the Nagjee tournament at Kozhikode where they got the better of Md Sporting, but eventually lost to JCT Mills in the final

Salgaocar are already through to the semi-finals with an all-win record in Group A which has been already completed. They had a tough first round against ITI to win 2-0 after being under pressure almost throughout, they had a narrow 3-2 triumph against Titanium but by the time they met Tatas, their position was so secure that even a 0-3 defeat would have pulled them through. But although they took things easy, they managed a 1-0 win over Tatas

Salgaocar, Goa are already through to the semi finals

This was a group where the inaugural winners ITI were expected to do extremely well after gaining two fine players, winger Muniyappa and defender Venkatesh from Madura Coats

One feels that had ITI met Salgaocar later instead of in the inaugural match of the tournament, they could well have come out tops

But they did give Salgaocar a torrid time with Muniyappa standing out in attack. Poor Venkatesh was responsible for the self goal which gave the Goans a 2-0 victory. ITI's finishing was rather poor and did not match their fine approach work at all. But they improved thereafter to beat Titanium and Tatas to finish runners-up in their group.

Tatas were a poor lot and Titanium showed one good spell of attacking soccer which came against Salgaocar



Central Excise's Pramod (right) makes a vain heading attempt at the HAL goal



ICF's right-back Raja clears the ball from Madura Coats' forward Ravi Chandran

Salgaocar take on the winners of Group C in the first leg semi-final on May 5 and that should be Mohun Bagan who showed their finishing power and the strength of their medios while giving ICF a 7-0 drubbing in their first outing.

Bagan's Sishir Ghosh who signed for them this season got their first three goals in the first session for the first hat-trick of the tournament. ICF were no opposition at all to Bagan. But the Calcutta outfit did show their skill in the second session, playing positive soccer.

Babu Mani struck twice to display just the 'trailer' of the real show to follow while Xavier Pius, coming in as substitute and Prashanta Banerjee got one goal each. Bagan, who have twice been joint champions and won twice outright ('81 and '82) look like the only team so far which could stop Md. Sporting from getting a hat-trick in this tournament.

The two other teams in Group C are Madura Coats and Sesa Goa. Coats began in style weaving pretty patterns in their 3-0 victory over ICF, but their form turned turtle

against Sesa Goa in their last match which the Goan team won handsomely at 3-0.

Sesa's victory too came as a surprise for they looked like novices in their first tussle against ICF which

ended in a one-all draw and produced the poorest fare so far.

Group B has seen only one match and Punjab State Electricity Board with five national players with their robust approach indicate tough go-



Lewis Charles of Tatas is foiled by Titanium's Namurudeen



ITI's left back Verghese and Salgaocar's Ignatius Dias fight for possession of the ball

ing for their rivals. They outclassed CIL and have to meet Dempo and Md. Sporting.

Group D has produced some thrilling matches with Central Excise, Cochin providing most of them. In their first match they were down 0-1 within seconds of the start in a spirited fightback they had HAL on the run and even led 2-1.

But HAL produced the sparkle which they seem to be always capable of and struck twice late in the game to emerge narrow 3-2 winners.

Sunday saw a big crowd at the Chinnaswamy Stadium for the double attraction - JCT mills vs Central Excise and East Bengal vs HAL

One feels that had ITI met Salgaocar later in the tourney, they could well have emerged tops

JCT, fresh from their triumph at Kozhikode and with the Madura Coats Centenary Trophy also under their belt, were expected to mow down their rivals.

But the Excisemen surprised everyone with a rousing performance. They showed tremendous spirit in their attack and soundness in their defence to post a 3-0 triumph and fully deserved it.

JCT were rather indifferent and once they found the Excise barrier hard to please, they did not make any concerted efforts to make a fight of it. And their defence fell to pieces under the Excise onslaught.

Then came East Bengal on the field - a team full of super stars, some of them newly acquired. But what a disappointment they were for the 35,000 crowd, pitted as they were against HAL.

FANatic

by Marcus





Sesa Goa's Collin Vaz foils an attempt by ICF's Raju

There was just no dazzle from this star-studded team and two of their highly paid players Krishanu Dey and Jamshed Nassiri did nothing at all and failed to combine with the other strikers Debasish Roy and Biswajeet Bhattacharya.

East Bengal, who have roped in the best of players during the inter-club transfers started well though with an eight minute goal which Bikash Panji booted home from a pass from Biswajeet and could strike again only once more in the second session through Debasish Roy.

Only Tarun Dey stood out in the East Bengal defence while Bikash and Sundeep worked hard in the half line feeding deft passes to the forwards who just did not click.

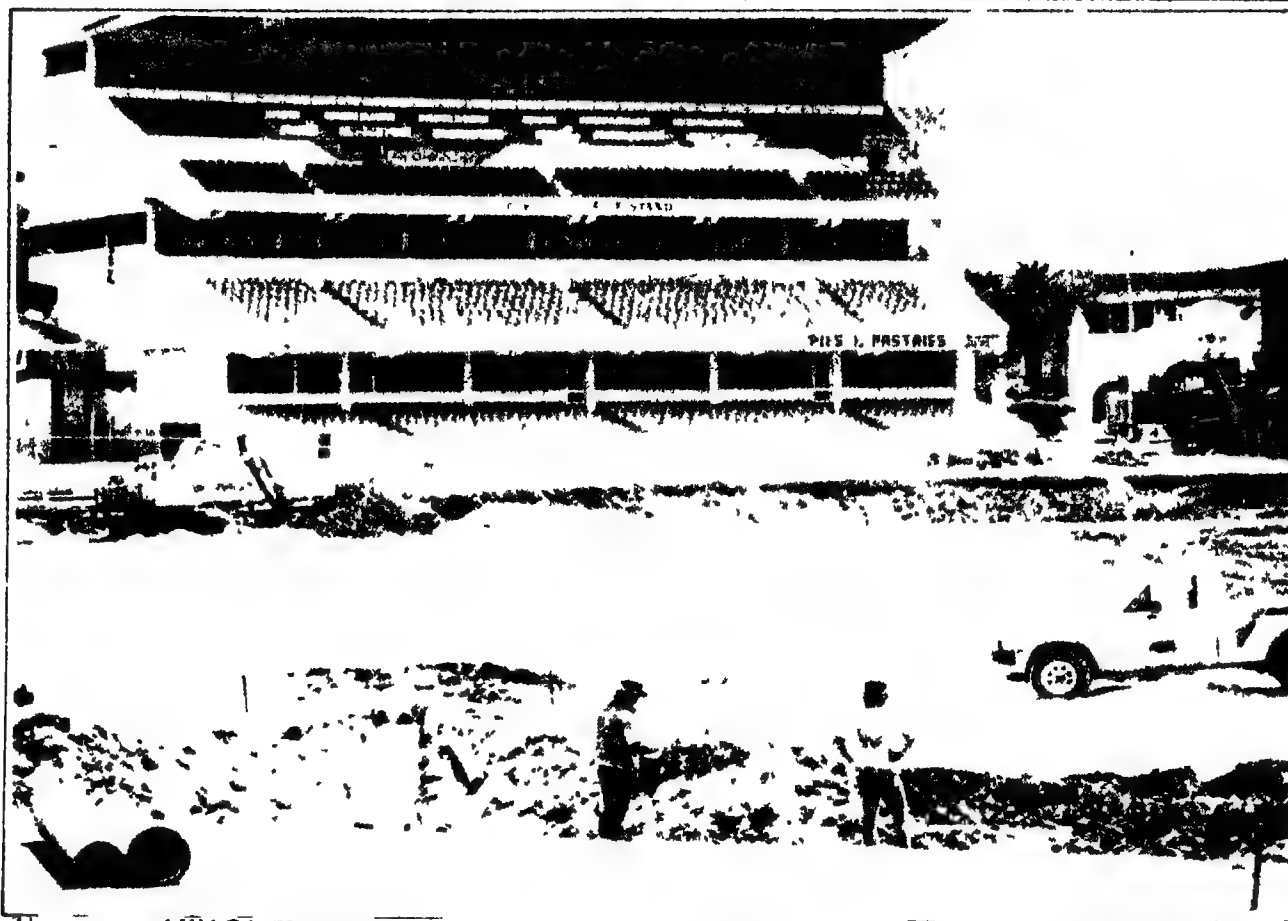
HAL played as best as they could but their forwards were too hesitant and sometimes hasty to pose any danger.

Thus a clear picture is yet to emerge in this tournament. Judging by the performances so far, Mohun Bagan seems to have an edge and it remains to be seen what Md. Sporting have to display and how quick East Bengal can combine into a dashing combination.

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The renowned WACA (West Aust. Cri. Assoc.) wicket loved by fast bowlers is no more as contractors bulldoze the once lightning fast surfaces. The wickets will be repositioned and resurfaced and for the first two seasons, they are expected to play slowly. Work is scheduled to be completed in time for the Test against India in November.



Ivan Lendl groans as he hefts the Buick WCT trophy in Dallas recently. He beat Tim Mayotte 7-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the final.



Norway's Ingrid Kristiansen approaches the finish line of the London Marathon to win the women's race. She won in a time of 2:21. 06 to set a new world record for the event.



Eye-opener for Indians

-By Ranjit Bhatia

THE EMERGENCE of the marathon as a major sport, not necessarily related to the Olympic Games, is a recent phenomena.

The 1980s have seen a steady increase in participation through an unusually large number of marathon races all over the world. Not so long ago, the Boston Marathon was perhaps the only distance running event of the kind that attracted as much attention as its Olympic version. Today, New York and London are at least two of its very strong rivals, and symbolise the present day running boom.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation, obviously aware of this, took the plunge into the new competition arena, by organising the first World Cup Marathon in Hiroshima on April 13 and 14. The apex body concerned with the development of athletics at the global level provided added incentive for participation in this venture. All expenses for travel and accommodation of the athletes at Hiroshima were met by the IAAF.

More than 350 participants from 69 countries assembled in the Japanese metropolis for the occasion which incidentally coincided with the 40th anniversary of the Atomic Bomb devastation of the city. Many of the runners had met seven months earlier, in the warmer conditions of the Los Angeles Marathon; and it was anybody's guess as to who would attain crowning glory this time.

With team championships being determined by the combined times of the three best of each side, competition was very keen in conditions that were conducive to fast times.

For 23-year-old East German Katrin Doerre, who had to her credit five marathon wins from six appearances since 1982, Hiroshima provided a superb climax in the women's event, which she won comfortably in 2:33:30.

Soviet Union's Zoia Ivanova, some ten years her senior, came in a strong second in 2:34:17 while Hungarian Karolin Szabo was third in 2:34:57. The team race, however, did not go to any of the three countries, but to Italy, whose trio of Laura Fogli - 4th in 2:35:45, Rita Marchisio - 6th in 2:36:00 and Em-

ma Scaunich - 11th in 2:39:42, sprung a great surprise over the fancied squads.

Hosts Japan started as favourites for the men's title despite the absence of ace runner Toshihiko Seko who had been suffering from a knee problem. The Soh twins, Takeshi and Shigeru together with Tokamichi Nakayama, Taisuke Kodama and Kunimitsu Ito certainly presented a formidable fivesome, but found the challenge from the lesser known Djibouti lads somewhat unnerving.

29-year-old Ahmed Salah, who had finished 20th in the Olympic Marathon, stormed past the 1984 Fukuoka Marathon winner, Nakayama, to record a fantastic 2:08:09 in the cold and wet conditions of Hiroshima; the latter finishing second in 2:08:15 and another Djibouti runner Robleh Djama who was 8th in Los Angeles, came in third in 2:08:26.

The third compatriot Abdilahi, wound up 7th in 2:10:33 to make the Djibouti team tally 6:27:08, a little ahead of fancied Japan in 2:31:43 and with Ethiopia 3rd in 6:32:46.

For the Indian participants the Japanese experience was a real eye opener. It exposed total lack of knowledge of marathon technology in our system. When the team had been selected in January following an impressive performance at the height of Delhi's winter, it had been pointed out by many an expert that there were to be no further marathons for them until Hiroshima, and the runners would have to prepare themselves to face a much colder and probably wetter climate than they were accus-

tomed to in the Indian context.

Road surfaces too being of the kind that do not encourage bare-foot running, it would have been worth their while to acquire the right kind of footwear for occasion.

None of this could be done, and the athletes arrived in Japan as lost as any of their predecessors on tours abroad.

Worse still, some of the Services men had to run in departmental marathons before Hiroshima which is hardly the way to prepare for a major participation in an international meeting.

As a result, the Indian team was a write-off long before it left the native soil! The lone exception was the newest and youngest member of the group, Raj Kamal Dogra, who was intelligent enough to prepare sensibly for his first appearance in national colours.

As things turned out, he was the only one of the five, whose running showed promise. Dogra was the first Indian at the finish in 125th place clocking 2:26:15.

It was, for the Delhi lad, a totally new experience. "I had to change gears," he recalls "since none of us were accustomed to running in near freezing temperatures. Luckily for me I had anticipated the conditions at Hiroshima, and did not suffer half as much as my team mates."

Moola Singh, veteran of many a marathon, limped home with swollen feet in 2:31:33 in 159th position followed by Prahlad Singh, 183rd in 2:38:04, Sumer Singh 184th in 2:38:53 and Piara Singh 192nd in 2:43:29.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





By Railbird

Some charity this!

THE EFFORT by the Hyderabad Race Club to avoid the payment of income tax by having their operations declared charitable have failed, a high court judgement on the issue going against them and in favour of the income tax authorities.

On the face of it, to a layman at least, it is difficult to conceive how a race club's operations can be labelled charitable. True, large amounts of money are collected by race clubs for charitable purposes and it is also true that several deserving causes benefit directly from Race Club funds.

However, the racing of horses for stakes money and the acceptance of betting on such races is the main function of a race club and as the stakes won by the horses do not go to charity and as the major portion of the commission which the race clubs collect on the betting go towards the upkeep of the club by no stretch of imagination can charity be an adjunct to these activities.

However, race clubs are different from other business (it needs to be stressed that a Race Club is in a sense a business) ventures as there are no shareholders to be paid dividends and such profits as the clubs may make from time to time are siphoned back into the sport if they are not drained away by the various concerned state governments who make a practice of raising the fee of

the licence to race so that it absorbs any additional profit from year to year.

This has been a perennial source of complaint. But, considering that the public provide the race club's income and that there are no shareholders the money accruing to a race club at the closing of its accounts is public money and as long as a sufficient amount is provided to the club to allow for depreciation and development as also reserves to insure against lean seasons, there can be no valid complaint if the government mops up the surplus.

Yet, the thought arises that if the race clubs could come within the purview of the charity commissioner they would have more money at their disposal and as, it is an accepted monetary principle, that money generates more money the turnover would be higher.

None the less, it is apparent from the trend of the last so many years that if the turf clubs are freed from paying income tax to the centre, the money so saved would be absorbed by the respective state government by way of enhanced licence fees. Thus, the status for income tax purposes of the race clubs makes very little difference, for what they save on the swings they will lose on the roundabouts!

WHAT has become of the Bangalore police inquiry into the circumstances in which an objec-

tion by the rider of Goverdhan against the winner Certain Smile being upheld and the race awarded to Goverdhan for whom there was much support? The inquiry was ordered following a spate of complaints to the police and the Government of Karnataka, but, as was confidently predicted in these columns, it is apparently infructuous.

That should be obvious because the interpretation of the extent of an alleged interference in a horse race has on the ultimate result is always a matter of opinion, which, of course cannot be equated with fact.

Similarly one wonders if there has been any rethinking on the positioning of the starter's platform and the starting procedure following the declaration of a race void in Bombay because the short-priced favourite Jehan Numa was left at the start.

It was evident to all close watchers that jockey Shroff was not properly in the saddle on Jehan Numa and that the reins were not in his hands when the starter despatched the field.

Following an inquiry, the stewards held the starter to be blameless which can only mean that he was not aware of Shroff's unpreparedness. Carried one logical step further that means that the starter was unsighted. Surely, that is sufficient, nay, compelling reason for a change of the location of the starter's platform!

APPROPPOS the reference to South India Derby winner Fair Court continuing to race at the age of 19, it is pointed out that it borders on cruelty, especially in our climatic conditions, to race older horse and a suggestion has been made to ban the racing of horses above the age of 10.

This is doubly necessary, for most animals of that age are in the lowest class and are more often than not unsound. As the stakes for such class of runner are smaller than for the other classes and as the maintenance costs are higher because of veterinary bills it is mainly the gamblers who continue to profit by them racing.

An unpleasant situation

THERE is every reason to believe that a certain Western India trainer will be refused a licence when the question of renewal of licences crops up shortly and there is also reason to believe that in the event of that happening, the matter will be taken to court, although, as was forcibly demonstrated in the case of the refusal of a licence to R R Byramji, the biggest schooler in the land, by the RWITC, this may not be the case for the reason that the authorities have sweeping discretionary powers.

None the less, this is an unpleasant situation and a slightly ridiculous one in that a trainer who may not be welcome at one centre can

operate freely at another as happened in the cases of Ahmed Abbas and G M Omkar, as also Byramji, to name a few.

Considering that the five Turf Authorities claim that they operate in unison this should not be the case. Such a situation can be avoided by the setting up of a central body to licence professionals. This body can have at least one representative from each of the five Turf Authorities on it with the chairmanship and the secretaryship rotating annually in conjunction with the Invitation Cup. If and when that happens there will be no heart burning and no cry of "double standards".

Certainly, it is food for thought.



CHESS

By R.B. Sapre

JOINT winners of the 3rd Commonwealth Championship in London, Praveen Thipsay of Union Bank, Bombay and Kevin Spragett of Canada, with eight points out of 11, fulfilled their first Grand Master norms

Other leading results were 3-6 GMs Chandler, Short and Speel man and Norwood 7 1/2 GM Nunn and IMs Watson, Johansen (Australia) and Murshed (Bangladesh) and untitled Hodgson and King 7

Of the Indian participants IMs Ravisekhar and Vaidya figured in a tie for 16-29 with six points S Tilak and Bhagyashri Sathe (2nd IWM norm) scored 4 1/2 and Patgawkar 2 1/2

The tournament was sponsored by the Novag Computer firm and hosted by Dockyard Development Corporation 'Novag Monster X and Novag Monster Y' computers participated in the tournament and each scored 2 1/2

HEBDEN - THIPSAY

1 e4 e5 2 f4, exf4 3 Nf3 d6 4 d4, g5 5 h4, g4 6 Ng1 Bh6 7 Nc3, Nf6? 8 Nge2, d5 9 e5? 10 g3 Nc6 11 Nxf4 Nxf4 12 Bxf4, Bxf4 13 gxf4 Ne7 14 h5 Rg8 15 Qd2, Bf5 16 000, Qd7 17 Rg1, 000 18 Rg3 Qe6 19 Na4 b6 20 Ba6ch Kb8 21 Rdg1? Qh6 22 Nc3? Qxh5 23 Nb5 Qg6

24 Qb4 Nc6 25 Qa4, Bd7 26 Qa3, h5 27 Rc3 h4 28 b4 Qh6 29 e6? 30 Qa4, Qf6? 31 Rd1 g3 32 Ra3 g2 33 Nxa7, Na5! 34 Nb5 g1Q 35 bxa5 Qxf4ch 36 Kb2 Qxd1 37 axb6 Qa1ch! 38 Kb3 Qb1ch 0 1

King's Gambit accepted

7 Nf6? 1) Kurs Dyebutov gives the sequence 7 Nc6 8 Qd3, (8 Nge2? f3) Nf6 9 Nge2 d5 10 exd5 (if 10 e5 Nh5 11 g3, Ne7! returning the Pawn with a good game) Nxd5 11 Nxd5, Qxd5 12 Bxf4 Bxf4 13 Nxf4, Qxd4 14 Qxd4 Nxd4 15 000, Ne6 16 Nd5 with compensation for the Pawn

9 e5? 1) Better is 9 exd5, Nxd5 10 Nxd5 Qxd5 11 Bxf4 Bxf4 12 Nxf4 for now Black cannot take on d4 as in the previous note

13 Ne7! Black has returned the gambit Pawn but he stands better with a passed Pawn on g4 and white square blockade in the centre

19 Na4! White seeks counter chances by trying to develop an attack on the Black King

22 Nc3) 22 Nc5! can create more difficult problems of defence for Black Obviously Black cannot take the Knight because of 22 bxc5? 23 Rb3ch etc If 22 Qxh5 23 Qb4 etc would fol-

low

26 Qa3) White's attacking pieces interfere with one another 26 b4 can be met by 26 Nxd4 and 26 Ra3 by 26 h5 27, Bb7, a5

29 e6? 1) The flashy 29 Bc8? does not work because of 29 Kxc8! 30 Nxa7ch, Nxa7 31 Qxa7, Bc6 32 b5, Bb7, or 30 Qa6ch, Kb8 31 Rxc6, Qxc6 32 Qxa7ch, Kc8

30 Qf6! The main threat is 31 Nxd4!

33 Na5! A clever defence avoiding the stormy 33 Nxa7! 34 Bb5, Bxb5 35 Qxa7ch, Kc8 36 Qa6ch, Kd7 37 Qxd5ch, Qd6 38 Qxb5ch

34 g1Q) Coolly queening the Pawn while White's attack materialises a move too late

37 Qa1ch! A grand finish 38 Qxa1, Qc1 mate

END GAME

Last week's ending by A Koro-byansky (1970) White Kg8, Re4, Be2, Ps-b3, c5, h2 Black g6, Ps c6, c7, e3, g2, g3, h3 Win 1 Rg4ch, Kh6 2 Kf7! (not 2 Rg3?, g1Q 3 Rg1 stalemate) g1Q 3 Rg6ch, Kh7 4 Bd3 Qf2ch (or 4 Qd1 5 Rd6ch, Qxd3 6 Rxd3, g2 (or 6 gxh2 7 Rd1) 7 Rxe3, g1N 8 Rg3 wins) 5 Rf6ch Kh8! 6 Bff5!, Qf4 7 Kg6!, wins



BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

the D9 planning to later overtake a diamond honour None in the East seat, sad to relate found the entry thwarting play of the DJ in second position How do you rate declarer's prospects after East fails to find their text-book defence? Does South do better by playing a small diamond directly or by first playing an honour and then the trey!

Let us say declarer tries the latter course and then gives up a club

1085
J65
QJ2 N 96
A83 W E Q109
8 S J76
5 nil 87
A7
K7
A1094
J10864

At all tables West made the stand-out opening lead of the SK and South was robbed of one of his entries for establishing and enjoy in the clubs

Several declarers unblocked dummy's clubs and tried to gain the extra entry needed with a finesse of

card a diamond and submit to being thrown in with a club If declarer tries to jettison his diamond ace and relies on the heart king furnishing an entry to hand, West fixes dummy with the S10 and the contract goes down three

Does declarer do better if he plays a low diamond leaving both diamond honours on board? Let us see

1085
J65
QJ2 N 96
A83 W E Q109
8 S J76
5 nil
A7
K7
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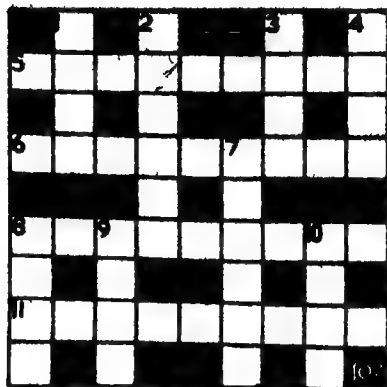
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- 3 In how many Test matches did Don Bradman score his first 10 centuries?
- 4 Against which country did Muddassar Nazar make his Test debut?
- 5 In how many Tests did the Wasim Bari captain Pakistan?
- 6 How many gold medals did India bag in the swimming event at the first Asian Games?
- 7 In horse riding what is the term used for measuring the height of a pony?
- 8 In hockey how many flags are required by the rule around the field?
- 9 In TT, the Swathling Cup and the Corbillion Cup are separate competitions for men and women. The Swathling Cup is for?
- 0 When were the English Open TT Championships first staged?
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3 16 Tests 4 Australia 1976-77
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- 8 The one who made Aussies see red on Green Park (4)
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10 Half bury Frontier Force enthusiast? (4)

QUESTION BOX

Q What is Bob Willis's bowling record against Australia, West Indies, and Pakistan?

— Santosh Pednekar, Aurangabad

A Against Australia he has played 35 Tests, bowled 7,294 balls, given away 3,346 runs, and taken 128 wickets at an average of 26.14. His best figures are 8-43. Against West Indies, he has played 13 Tests, bowled 2,164 balls, given away 1,381 runs, and taken 38 wickets, at an average of 36.34. His best figures are 5-42.

Against Pakistan, he has played 10 Tests, bowled 1,772 balls, given away 820 runs, and taken 34 wickets, at an average of 24.11. His best figures are 5-47.

Q In 1976-77 Pakistan went to play a Test series against West Indies. What were the venues and the results of the Tests?

— Sharad Karnik, Ulhasnagar.

A The series was of five Tests. The first Test was played at Barbados and was drawn. The second Test at Trinidad was won by West Indies by six wickets. The third Test at Guyana was drawn. The fourth, again at Trinidad, was won by Pakistan 266 runs. The fifth and the final Test was played at Jamaica and was won by the Windies by 140 runs. Thus the West Indies

won the five match series 2-1.

Q Against which country did Sir Garfield Sobers play his last Test and what was his performance?

— Dinesh K. Madras.

A Sobers played his last Test against England in Trinidad in the 1973-74 series. He scored a zero in the first innings and 20 in the second. He captured three wickets for 80 runs in that match.

Q What is the birth date of A G Kripal Singh and K S Indrajitsinhji?

— Mahendra Mehta, Andheri, Bombay.

A A G Kripal Singh 6-8-1933, and K S Indrajitsinhji 15-6-1937.

Q What is the Test bowling record of T L Goddard and P Pollock of South Africa?

— Dinkar Ganesh, Pune.

A Goddard has played 41 Tests, and taken 123 wickets at an average of 26.22, by giving away 3226 runs.

Pollock has played 28 Tests, and taken 116 wickets, at an average of 24.18, giving away 2806 runs.

Q When did Suresh Babu win a silver medal for decathlon in the Asian Games?

— Rupesh Chawla, Kalyan.

A Suresh Babu won the silver for decathlon in the 1974 Teheran Asian Games.

Q When, where and against whom did B B Nimbalkar score 443 not out in a Ranji Trophy match?

— Shankaran Iyer, Bombay-50.

A Nimbalkar scored 443 not out in 1948-49, playing against Kathiawar, at Poona.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





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Keep up the good work

THE NEW MONTHLY series on non-cricketing Indian sportsmen and women which you have started is very good. The articles on Anita Sood, Adille Sumariwalla and Zafar Iqbal by Tom Alter made excellent reading.

This may not appeal to many of your readers, but there is just too much of attention devoted to cricket and cricketers by you.

The other sporting disciplines get step-motherly treatment because of the preponderance of cricket. For example, when Kapil Dev was dropped after the second Test against England there was a national furore.

But when Zafar opted out of the team for the Asia Cup hockey championship, nobody bothered to find out the real reasons even though it was obvious that Zafar had

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one spade and exits with a diamond declarer can prevail. He wins the diamond in hand and cashes his clubs.

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A diamond to dummy squeezes West, forcing him to bare his spade knave or the heart ace.

So the defence has to cash both spades bringing this position:

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Now communication is there to cash all winners. The play of an immediate low diamond from KQ3 prevails if East knave is nodding but the defence can recover if declarer cashes a diamond honour before playing the trey.

dropped out because he could not see eye to eye with the selectors.

I hope you will keep up this good work and give just coverage to all sports. If cricket coverage is so important, you can increase the number of pages of the magazine so as not to deprive the other sports and sportsmen of their due exposure.

—Shishir Goenka,
Bombay-20

IOA's sordid interference

IN A RECENT seminar in New Delhi, the Union Minister of State for Sports, R.K. Jaichandra Singh had expressed a hope that everybody connected with sports would be imbued with a spirit of service.

Within a month of the minister's statement, comes the Indian Olympic Association's interference in the affairs of the Indian Hockey Federation.

However considering the past record, the recent developments will not create shock waves in sporting circles. The administrative affairs of a large number of sports bodies are in a pathetic state.

On its part, the government also needs to play a meaningful role in the field of sports. There are frequent reports on tapping fresh talent but very little is actually done.

And what about the media? The overall sports coverage by the media leaves a lot to be desired. Only a few sports dominate.

While the media has glamorised these sports and its sportsmen, the other disciplines have just not been cared for.

One can only hope that minister Jaichandra's hope does not remain a hope forever.

—Jaimin Bhatt,
Bombay-58

Hockey crowds are back

ONE OF THE more heartening aspects of the Bombay Gold Cup Hockey tournament was the large attendances from the semifinal stage onwards.

For the last decade or so, the BHA stands almost always wore a deserted look. But with the top teams from India and PIA from across the border participating in this year's tournament, the crowds have come back.

Perhaps it may be due only to the growing interest in the country in all sports.

Whatever be the real reason, it was good to see hockey getting the patronage it deserves.

Till very recently, it was the game at which we were the best. Given the encouragement and the exposure, there is no reason why we cannot regain our glory.

—Rajinder Singh,
Bombay-11.

Soccer mafia in full swing

THERE IS LITTLE doubt that a mafia operates in Indian soccer which has resulted in the game stagnating at an abysmal level.

For proof one need only see the results of the Indian team in the Pre-World Cup soccer qualifying rounds played recently.

Soccer in the country has for a long time been the victim of factionalism and regional bias.

Only a chosen few are selected year after year though they have never delivered the goods.

Even the services of a foreign coach Ciric Milovan could not pull India out of the rut.

But the coach is hardly to be blamed for the ills which dog the sport in the country for he was not allowed a free hand to choose his team. He gave up in disgust and went away.

It is time the authorities concerned woke up to the grave danger this sport is facing in the country. Most footballers are not interested in playing for the country.

Their attention is always focussed on the handsome amounts the Calcutta clubs are willing to pay for the season. Their interest rises and dies with the interest shown by these clubs.

Football in the country, meanwhile is dying a gradual death.

—David Mascarenhas,
Mapusa, Goa

A distinct disadvantage

THE PROPOSAL to play 80 overs on the first day and the remaining 40 on the second in the 1987 World Cup is an insensible move, as the side batting second will face a distinct disadvantage.

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—Ramesh Chandran,
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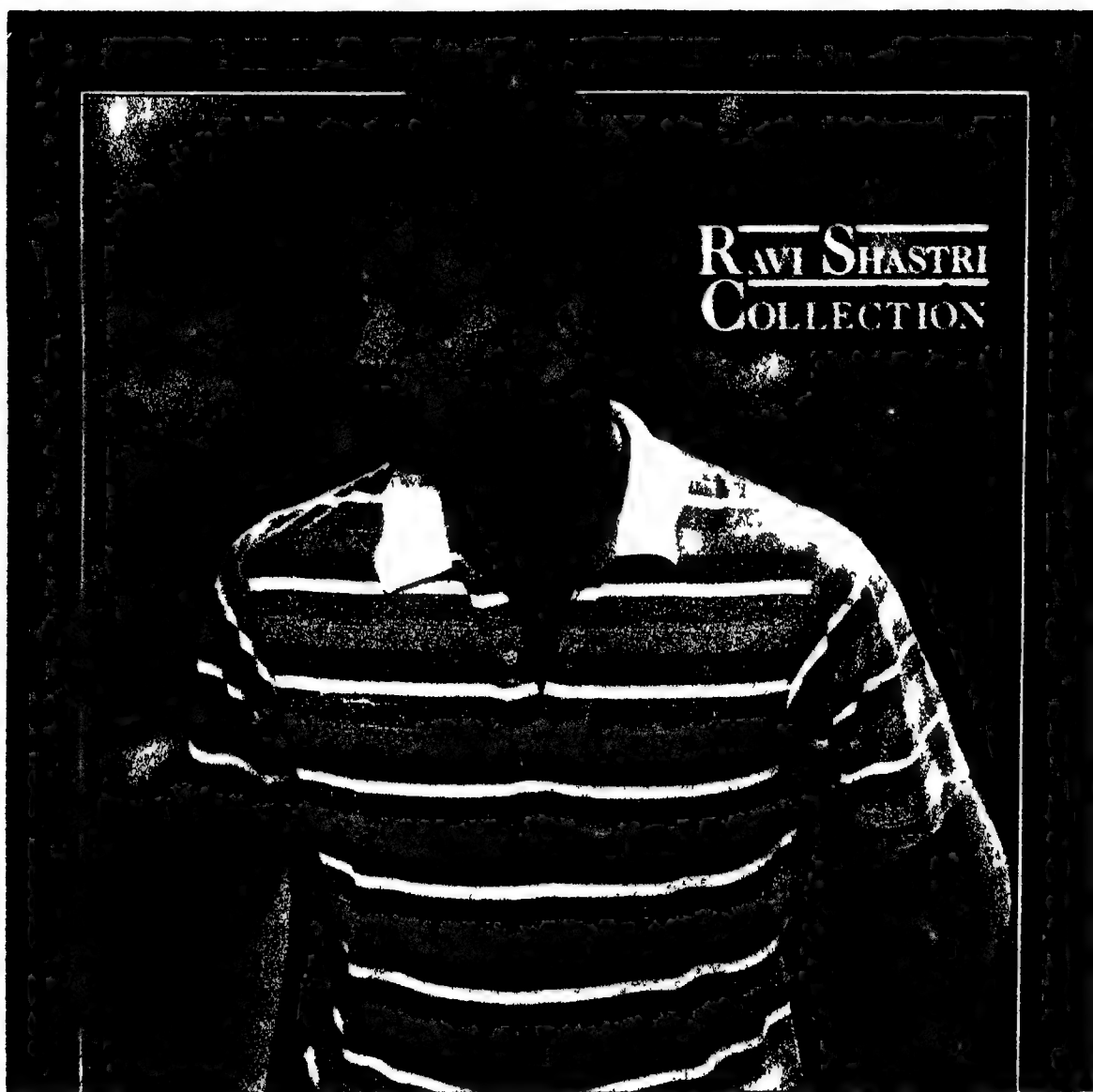
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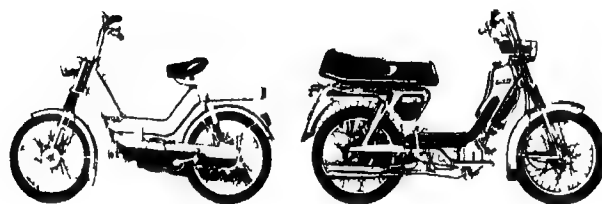
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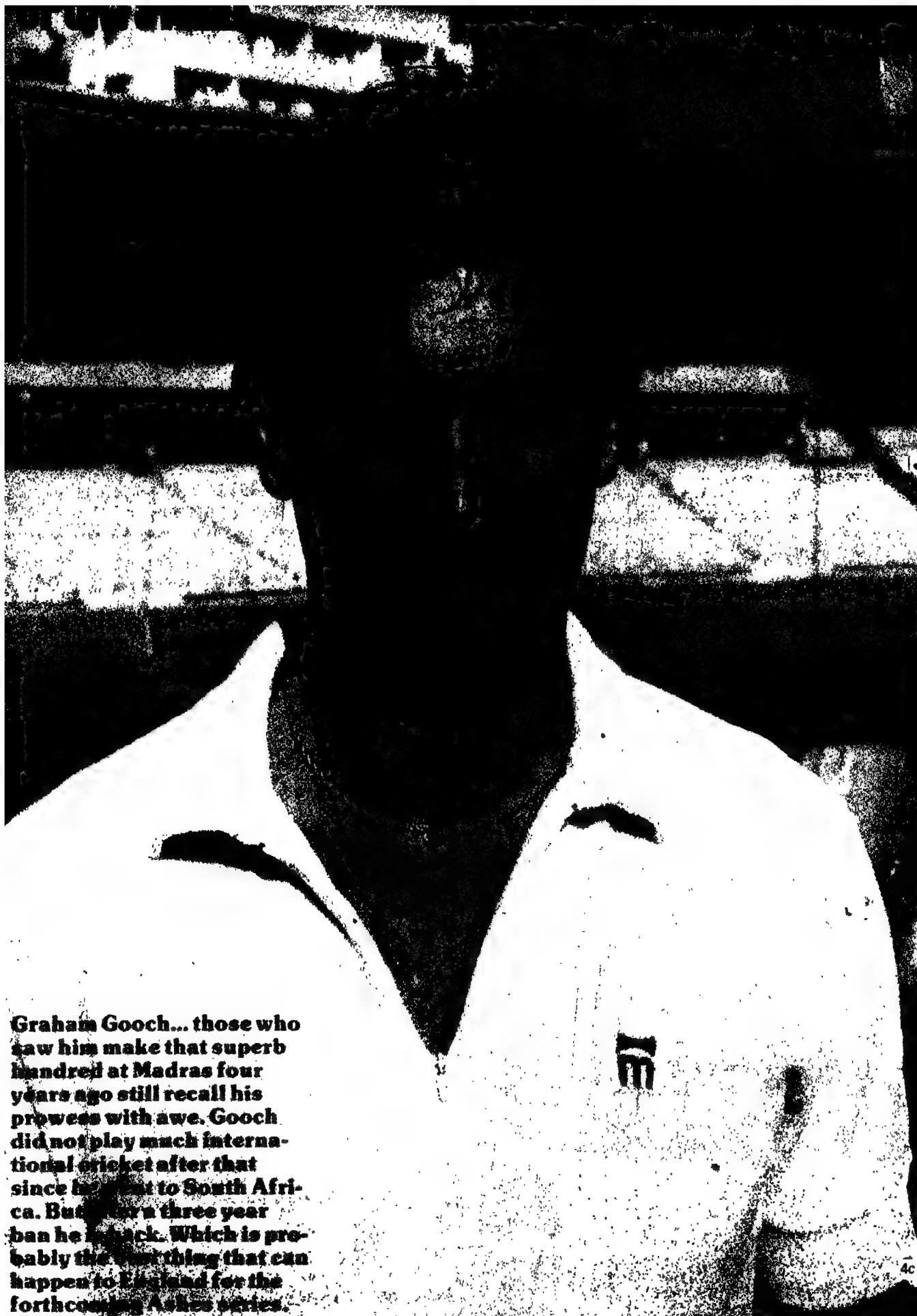
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WITH BETTER technique, Richards may have filled in more columns in the statistical sections of cricket books. But the game, as a visual spectacle would have been poorer. Ayaz Memon profiles the West Indies superstar who led his team to victory over New Zealand at Bridgetown.



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WEST INDIES NEEDED only 37 minutes on the fourth day to polish off the tail and beat New Zealand at Bridgetown. Malcolm Marshall was the man who brought about New Zealand's disaster, claiming seven wickets. Tony Cozier reports.

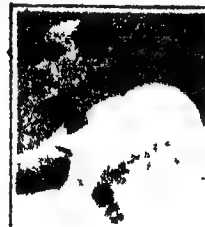


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DESPITE THE FACT that Ranji did not play much cricket in India, and none for India, the country holds his memory in reverence. The Ranji Trophy Championship is a fitting memorial for him. A new series for SPORTSWEEK readers 'The Trends-setters,' by P N Sundaresan.

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IT WAS THE PERFECT climax to an afternoon which had progressively hypnotised the whole country and had been building remorselessly to just this moment. Christopher Hilton writes on the first of 'the Great Matches', the Lord's Test of 1968 between England and the West Indies.



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EXCEPT FOR THE Sunday matches, the crowd has not been what one expected and they have yet to get their money's worth. They are watching the country's best and highest paid players, but the artistry they are so famous for is yet to come. R Arvindam reports on the Federation Cup soccer from Bangalore.



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IT WAS A GREAT victory for Indian Airlines over the fancied PIA team. A look into what actually transformed the Indian Airlines team into a matchwinning combination by Tom Alter.



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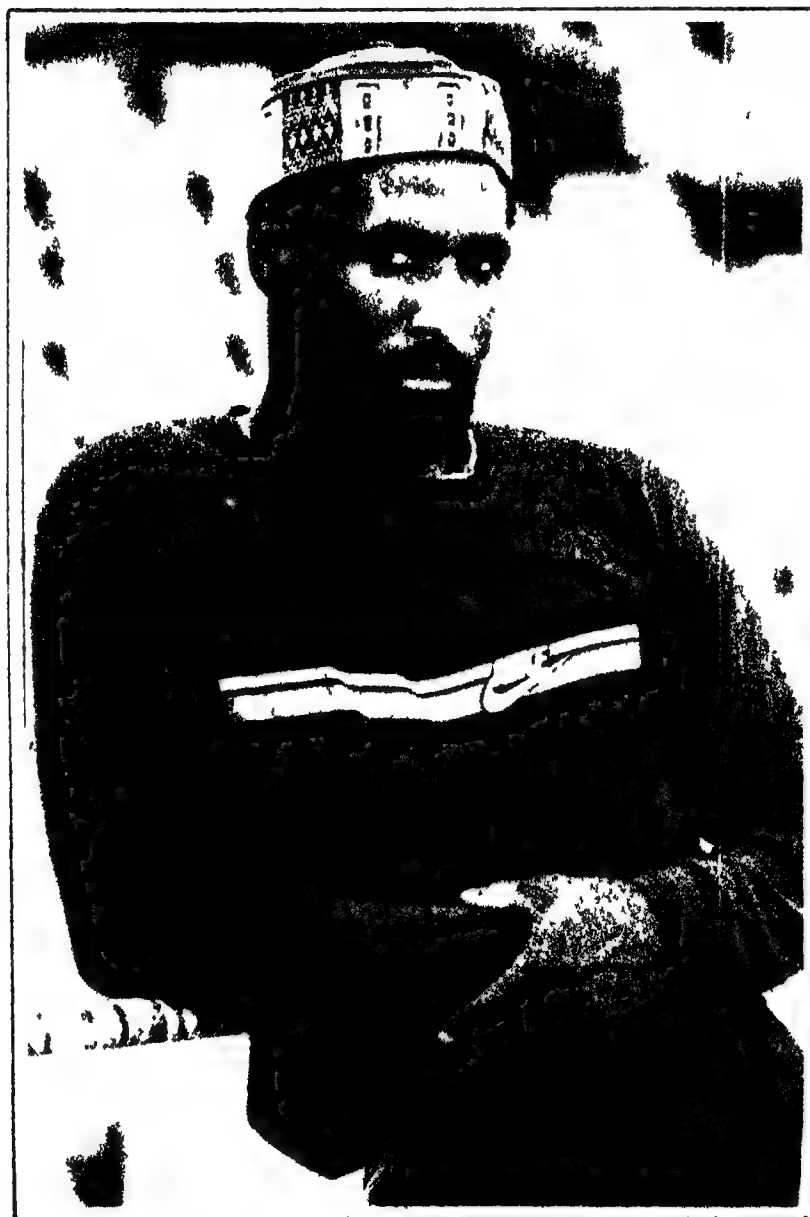


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VIVIAN RICHARDS

The Calypso king who has defied imagination

By Ayaz Memon



Viv Richards...he remains the commanding, imperious batsman he always was

THE captaincy of the West Indies cricket team has devolved naturally on Vivian Richards. The only other contenders were Gordon Greenidge and Michael Holding. The latter has expressed his wish to retire after the present series against New Zealand and was therefore out of serious contention.

Greenidge, who started his Test career along with Richards, has been a genteel introverted character who has always preferred to remain in the background.

For some reason, Greenidge has not been totally accepted by the West Indian people. He spent his formative years in England and despite being eligible to play for his adopted country, chose to play for the West Indies. The stigma, however, remains.

Richards has been the logical successor to Clive Lloyd for some time now. As the world's premier batsman, he has been the key player for West Indies for almost a decade, and after the unceremonious exit from Test cricket of the then vice captain Alvin Kallicharran, has been Lloyd's deputy since 1980.

There were some initial misgivings against Richards' appointment as Lloyd's heir. For one, there was the doubt that captaincy would affect his batting. Secondly, Richards was reputed to be a volatile man who could by his arrogant behaviour, disrupt the unity and camaraderie Lloyd had strived to achieve so tactfully over a decade.

If his first series as captain is any indication, Richards has proved all these doubts to be unfounded. His first Test win as captain has come against New Zealand, a side which incidentally the all-conquering West Indies had not beaten for 13 years. More than anything this should please Lloyd who had made

it quite apparent in his last few years that Richards should be the man to succeed him

Richards has also mellowed. He has had to wait a long time to assume leadership, what with Lloyd seemingly going on forever. The big man's diplomacy and tact in handling giant egos, and strong regional feelings has obviously rubbed off on Richards. The West Indies team seems to be as motivated as ever to extend their run as the unofficial world champions.

Most important, the responsibility of captaincy has not affected Richards batting. He remains the commanding, imperious batsman he always was. His two half-centuries in the first Test and a hundred in the third vindicate this.

Richards has been tiny Antigua's gift to West Indies cricket, and from thence to world cricket, though many bowlers round the world would cringe at this statement.

Plucked out from near anonymity after a brief stint with Alf Gover and only one season with Somerset, for the tour of India in 1974-75 Richards has traversed an eventful and one of the more remarkable careers in cricket history to be acknowledged as one of the all-time great batsmen.

Ironically, Richards' career would have been stillborn had Lawrence Rowe, the brightest West Indian prospect in the early 70s, not been dogged with injuries and bad luck. Sent primarily as an understudy to the top batsmen on the 1974 tour, Richards got a fortuitous break in the first Test itself. Rowe contracted an eye ailment just as the tour began and Richards was capped.

It was an undistinguished debut. He could not read Chandrasekhar's medium-paced leg spin and googly at all and was a disaster in both innings. But with Rowe out for the entire series, Lloyd had no option but to play him in the second Test too. Richards survived a very confident appeal for a catch behind, off Venkat, when on 13. The Indian players still insist that he was out. Richards on his part, is equally emphatic that he wasn't. The fact remains that, Richards got the benefit of doubt from the umpire and went on to make 192 unbeaten runs.

As is so often the case, it is just one big innings that a player gives him that self-confidence to get off the starting blocks, so to say Richards has not looked back since.

As one of the most prolific run-getters in contemporary cricket, Richards has defied imagination as

much as he has nourished it. His technique transcends convention. Some critics insist that he has no technique worth the name. His patent shot, the stroke bearing his trade mark, is the left foot down the track to whip a good length delivery on the off stump to the on side. In fact his penchant for playing strokes on the on side is so conspicuous that an unknowing observer would feel that a thick or leading edge is imminent. Many bowlers, bowling to him for the first time thought so too. Nobody thinks like that now.

The first lessons learnt in the backyards and the streets in the part of the world to which he belongs is: You have a bat in your hand with which you have to hit the



Once Viv gets going, there's no stopping him

ball to make runs and also prevent getting out. It is a lesson in formulating the survival instinct. And it is this instinctive genius which has typified the great West Indian batsmen of the past: Headley, the three W's, Sir Garfield Sobers, Rohan Kanhai to name a few.

Richards is a lineal descendant, cricketwise of these all-time greats, upholding the same tradition of exciting, explosive stroke-making. A natural strokeplayer is the euphemism used for such players. Richards ranks very high even amongst the greats mentioned above.

Built like a boxer, Richards is perhaps the hardest striker of the ball in contemporary cricket. The power comes from the wrists, strong and supple, and from the

broad muscular shoulders. As an eye player, sheer strength has been his second line of defence. A false or miscued stroke has often carried to the boundary or evaded the infield because of the power behind it.

He has never worn a helmet. Rarely ducked. For that matter, bowlers rarely test him with "bouncers for a swivel of the trunk, a parabolic swing of the bat and the ball is invariably seen hitting the pickets, sometimes clearing it.

There has to be a question mark against him as far as playing quality spin bowling is concerned. Throughout his career, he has not really been tested by slow bowlers. Chandra had him in tangles in his first couple of Tests. Even on India's tour of West Indies in 1976 when he struck a purple patch and went on to score 1700 odd runs that year, Richards benefited more than any other batsman by some uncharacteristic lapses behind the wickets by Kirmani off the spinners Badi and Chandra.

Once he gets set, there is no stopping Richards. The chink in his armour is that he is desperate to dominate the bowling and bowlers as soon as he arrives.

Lillee in his book *Over and Out*, while averring that Richards is the best batsman he has bowled to, adds that he is susceptible to the moving ball outside the off stump (who isn't), and that, more often than not the problem he now faces is of boredom. He gifts his wicket away through sheer ennui. This is a complex which even Vivian's predecessor, and namesake the great Barry Richards suffered from and this explanation is closer to the truth for the number of brilliant but brief innings he has played.

For all that Richards will go down as the most commanding, even intimidating batsman in the post-war era. Critics have likened his mastery over bowling to that of Sir Don Bradman in his prime, which is the highest tribute any batsman can hope for.

To pick 'holes' in his batting because of technical deficiencies is a futile and puerile exercise. Some men are known to make their own laws, do as they please.

With better technique, Richards may have filled in more columns in the statistical sections of cricket books. But the game as a visual spectacle, would have been poorer.



Victory at long last

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From Tony Cozier in Barbados

It took the West Indies only 37 minutes to conclude their first Test victory over New Zealand in 16 years on the final morning of the third Test.

When Gordon Greenidge drove the occasional bowler Ken Rutherford to the cover boundary for four to formalise the 10 wicket margin, it was the first West Indian win over New Zealand since the first Test of the 1969 series in Auckland. Since then the teams have played 13 Test and New Zealand have won the only two decided.

It was also the first outright result in eight New Zealand Tests in the Caribbean as all five in 1972 and the first two Tests this time were drawn and the first Test victory for Vivian Richards as West Indies captain.

Only rain, which accounted for eight hours lost, stretched the match into the final day. New Zealand's hopes were crushed when they were dismissed for 94 in their first innings, the lowest total in a Test at Kensington Oval, and it was scant consolation that they at least managed to avoid an innings defeat.

They did so in spite of the quick loss of their specialist batsman, vice captain Jeremy Coney, who added only two to his defiant 81 on the fourth day.

Wicket-keeper Ian Smith resumed his innings interrupted on the previous afternoon by a painful blow on the forearm from Marshall and put New Zealand ahead with two cuts over the slips for boundaries.

His aggression could not last and Marshall claimed his seventh wicket of the innings when Smith's miscued hook lobbed back for a return catch.

Fast and aggressive as usual, Marshall took all his wickets delivering from around the wicket, seven for 80 in the innings, 11 for 120 in the match.



Viv Richards...held the West Indies innings together, scoring a century with typical authority

Persistent, if not heavy, rain restricted the first day of the third Test to an hour and a half but it was enough for the West Indies fast bowlers to make immediate use of the advantage of bowling first, on a well-grassed pitch.

Malcolm Marshall dismissed John Wright in his first over and Ken Rutherford in his second. Joel Garner accounted for captain Geoff Howarth in his first and New Zealand were suddenly three wickets for one run.

With much difficulty, the Crowe brothers held on till tea at 17 for three. Jeff dropped by Gus Logie at third slip off Garner at one. Soon afterwards, Michael Holding pushed Martin Crowe further and further back into his crease until he stepped onto his legstump, hit wicket for 14.

New Zealand were simply existing when rain that delayed the start until 55 minutes before tea reappeared to the embarrassment of hotel managers on this tourist island and to the relief of the batsmen.

The loss of the toss was a cruel psychological blow to the New Zealanders. The record of the ground was enough to convince them that fast bowling would dominate and that their best—perhaps only—chance of escaping calamity would be to bowl first, particularly as the pitch had noticeably sweated under heavy covering.

It took only six balls to confirm their worst fears. Wright-pulled his bat away too late from a lifting ball from Marshall and it brushed the blade on its way through to the wicketkeeper.

Howarth steered the fifth ball of the next over low to gully and Ken Rutherford collected his third nought in four Test innings in the series when he edged a superb ball from Marshall to first slip.

New Zealand's woes were compounded when Martin Crowe, after an hour and a quarter solid batting, was out five minutes before the rain came again.

At that stage, Garner had conceded only one run from his eight overs. Holding none from his four and Jeff Crowe had been in an hour and a half for one at the close.

New Zealand folded up for a pathetic 94 on the second day which was also curtailed by rain. They then reduced the West Indies to 174 for seven but then could not sustain their effort and conceded a foreboding first innings deficit of 242 just after tea on the third day.

Facing the prospect of batting through the last hour and a half of the day, the New Zealanders were given welcome respite by overcautious umpires who offered them the option, gratefully accepted, of leaving the field as the light deteriorated after four overs with their total 15 without loss.

Captain Vivian Richards held the West Indies innings together with his 19th Test century, 105 made with typical authority, and shared



Jeremy Coney...scored a fighting, defiant 83

and important eighth wicket partnership of 83 with Malcolm Marshall who then added 70 for the ninth with Joel Garner.

The West Indies finally totalled 336, in reply to New Zealand's 94 Marshall falling in the first over after tea for an impressive and stylish 63 while Garner was left undefeated 37 that included one of the biggest sixes anyone could remember at Kensington Oval, straight back over the pavilion off the left-arm spinner Stephen Boock.

They very nearly scared Richards with the first ball of the day, a mistimed hook off Richard Hadlee falling just short of Boock running in and diving forward from deep square leg, fast bowler Derek Stirling had night-watchman Winston Davis caught behind after 40 minutes, Ewan Chatfield was rewarded for persistently accurate bowling when he had Gus Logie caught at slip for 7 and Jeffrey Dujon was bowled off the inside edge by hadlee for 7.

By then Richards was well settled and Marshall came in to enjoy the delights of a true pitch in bright sunshine, matching Richards almost stroke for stroke.

Richards hooked Hadlee for six and lifted successive balls from Boock for two more on his way to his first century as West Indies captain, he had 12 fours besides when Martin Crowe lept high at mid-wicket to pull down a superb catch off Boock.

Marshall and Garner then treated their hometown crowd to thrilling strokeplay that yielded three sixes off Boock and 70 at a run a minute when Marshall provided Jeff Crowe with his fourth catch for the innings at first slip.

Jeremy Coney and Stephen Boock held on for an hour and three quarters in an eighth wicket partnership that denied the West Indies

a fourth day victory and forced them to spend an anxious night watching the unsettled weather.

Boock joined the dependable Coney quarter of an hour after tea with New Zealand 149 for seven, effectively for eight, since wicket-keeper Ian Smith had retired hurt nursing a painfully bruised forearm after being hit by a ball from Malcolm Marshall. They were not separated until five minutes to the end when Boock pushed a bouncer from Malcolm Marshall into short-leg's hands after making 22. Coney defiant for three hours 40 minutes for 81 was there at the end at 228 for eight

A damp outfield delayed the start for an hour and Malcolm Marshall, all bustle and aggression, quickly swept aside the top of the New Zealand order - captain Geoff Howarth caught at shortleg mistiming a hook, Ken Rutherford taken in the slips and Martin Crowe caught down the legside by the wicketkeeper.

By lunch, New Zealand were 51 for three and wickets fell steadily until Boock joined Coney, Winston Davis yorked Jeff Crowe for 4 and then had the left-handed John Wright caught at second slip for a confident 64, that included eight well-struck boundaries.

By then, Coney was well set and Michael Holding had left the field after an unsuccessful attempt to bowl with a strained hamstring.

It was a handicap for the West Indies who were heavily dependent on the speed of Marshall, always difficult bowling from round the wicket. When he came back, he immediately hit Smith as the batsman missed his hook stroke and then bowled Derek Stirling in unusual fashion, the ball diverting into the stumps from off his helmet.

With Richard Hadlee spooning a catch to midoff, the West Indies were on course for an early victory.

SCORE-BOARD

NEW ZEALAND-1st Innings:

G.P. Howarth c Greenidge b Garner	1
J.G. Wright c Dujon b Marshall	0
K.R. Rutherford c Richards b Marshall	0
M.D. Crowe hit wkt b Holding	14
J.J. Crowe c Dujon b Davis	21
J.V. Coney c Richardson b Marshall	12
I.D.S. Smith c Greenidge b Marshall	2
R.J. Hadlee c Logie b Davis	29
D.A. Stirling c Logie b Davis	6
S.L. Boock c Dujon b Garner	1
E.J. Chatfield (not out)	0
Extras (nb5)	8
Total	94

Fall of wickets 1-1, 2-1, 3-1 4-18, 5-37, 6-44, 7-80, 8-87, 9-90

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Marshall	15	3	40	4
Garner	15	9	14	2
Holding	7	4	12	1
Davis	10.4	5	28	3

WEST INDIES-1st Innings:

C.G. Greenidge c J. Crowe b Hadlee	2
D.L. Haynes c Smith b Hadlee	82
R.B. Richardson lbw b M. Crowe	22
H.A. Gomes c J. Crowe b M. Crowe	0
W.W. Davis Smith b Stirling	16
I.V.A. Richards c M. Crowe b Boock	106
A.L. Logie c J.J. Crowe b Chatfield	7
P.J. Dujon b Hadlee	3
M.D. Marshall c J. Crowe b Chatfield	63
J. Garner (not out)	37
M.A. Holding c Smith b Stirling	1
Extras (b2, lb8, w6, nb2)	18
Total	336

Fall of wickets 1-12, 2-81, 3-91, 4-95, 5-142, 6-161, 7-174, 8-257, 9-327

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Hadlee	28	3	88	3
Chatfield	28	10	57	2
Stirling	14.1	0	82	2
M. Crowe	10	2	26	2
Boock	15	1	76	1

NEW ZEALAND-2nd Innings:

J.G. Wright c Richardson b Davis	64
G.P. Howarth c Haynes b Marshall	5
K.R. Rutherford c Holding b Marshall	2
M.D. Crowe c Dujon b Marshall	2
J.J. Crowe b Davis	4
J.V. Coney c Logie b Marshall	83
I.D.S. Smith c and b Marshall	26
R.J. Hadlee c Greenidge b Davis	3
D.A. Stirling b Marshall	3
S.L. Boock c Haynes b Marshall	22
E.J. Chatfield (not out)	4
Extras (b-8, lb-1, w-2, nb-19)	30
Total	248

Fall of wickets 1-28, 2-35, 3-45, 4-80, 5-108, 6-141, 7-149, 8-228, 9-235

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Marshall	25.3	8	80	7
Garner	19	5	58	0
Davis	18	0	66	3
Holding	1	0	2	0
Richards	13	3	25	0
Gomes	4	0	10	0

WEST INDIES-2nd Innings:

C.G. Greenidge (not out)	4
D.L. Haynes (not out)	5
Extras (w-1)	1
Total (for no wkt)	10

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Boock	1	1	0	0
Rutherford	0.4	0	10	0

West Indies won by 10 wickets.



MALCOLM DENZIL MARSHALL

A model professional

SW Correspondent

WHEN cricket history books of the future recall the dominance of the West Indies over the past decade, they will be bound to record that the main cause for the success of the teams which Clive Lloyd led in that time has been the phenomenal depth of fast bowling which they have all possessed

There is a great and long tradition in fast bowling in West Indies cricket from the early 1900s when the Trinidadian professionals, Woods and Cumberbatch, made their mark through the 1920s and 1930s with John Francis, Constantine Griffith, Martindale and Hylton into the 1960s, with Hall and Griffith up to the modern generation

At no time however, have the West Indies—or any other team engaged in Test cricket for that matter—managed to produce such quantity and quality of fast bowlers as they have done in past decade

In that time Andy Roberts and Michael Holding established them-

selves as a combination as effective and as menacing as John and Francis or Hall and Griffith had been

They were followed into the team by Joel Garner and Colin Croft and later, by Malcolm Marshall and Sylvester Clarke with other outstanding bowlers such as Wayne Daniel and Winston Davis providing a depth to the selectors which has transformed the game

It has become standard practice now for the West Indies to take the field with four fast bowlers in any Test they play, to choose no fewer than six in a touring team

In this period, the responsibility for leading the attack has changed hands several times, the role of the fastest of the lot has passed from one individual to another, from Roberts, to Holding, to Croft and now, indisputably, to Marshall

Over the past two years, as wear and tear have taken toll of those



Malcolm Marshall... his enthusiasm has not been dulled by the surfeit of cricket

such as Roberts and Holding, the Australians, Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson, the Pakistani Imran Khan and the Englishman Bob Willis, MALCOLM DENZIL MARSHALL has claimed the mantle of the fastest bowler in the game

His returns since overcoming a worrying back injury following the Australian tour of 1981-82 have provided statistical proof of his development. In 1982 he set a record of 134 wickets playing for Hampshire in the English County Championship

Yet, apart from the fact that he was born and bred into cricket in Barbados, there is nothing to suggest that Marshall should qualify as one of the fastest bowlers the game has known

When photographers assembled the six West Indians for their parade of the most feared attack in the game during the 1982-83 Australian tour, Marshall was a misfit alongside the others, all massive men, over six feet tall with the builds of heavyweight boxers—Roberts, Garner, Croft, Holding and Clarke.

Marshall, in contrast, is five feet, 11 inches in height, a mere 170



While wear and tear have taken toll of most speedsters the world over, Marshall has claimed the mantle of the fastest bowler in the game

pounds in weight. Yet he has developed a style of delivery with complements his hidden strength and his own natural coordination to such a degree that few men have ever been able to propel a cricket ball faster.

Marshall was not always a fast bowler, although he has been a cricketer from the time he can remember, which is only natural in Barbados. There his first school was St. Giles' Boys which was also the first school of another of the many great West Indian fast bowlers, Wes Hall.

Encouraged mainly by his grandfather, Oscar Welch, young Marshall tasted his first competitive cricket in the under-15 School Championship at Parkinson Comprehensive and his development, as batsman and medium-pace bowler, was such that he won his way into the Barbados youth team for the annual West Indies Championships, as captain in his last eligible year.

From the Texaco Club, playing in the intermediate division of the Barbados Cricket Association, Marshall progressed into the famous Spartan Club and then into the Banks Brewery team, showing his worth at the highest level, Division 1.

A string of consistent performances there earned him a place in the Barbados Shell Shield team in 1978 at a time when almost all the leading West Indian cricketers had signed contracts with Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket and were away in Australia.

None of them was available for the tour of India in 1978-79 so places were available to reserves who would not ordinarily have got a look in.

Among those chosen, the name which caused the most surprise – not least to the man himself – was Marshall's. He had played just a single first-class match at the time and although he took six for 77 against Jamaica in it, his inclusion was unexpected.

The selectors, so often maligned for supposed mistakes, deserve all credit for their foresight then.

Marshall has gone from strength to strength since those early days. That Indian tour proved a tough but beneficial initiation, just three wickets in the three Tests he played although in all first-class matches, he topped the bowling averages with the most wickets 42.

The results were immediately evident on his return home when he

set a new wicket-taking record in a Shield season for Barbados with 25. By May of 1979, he was bowling for Hampshire, having signed to replace Andy Roberts just a few months earlier, and his career as a professional cricketer was underway.

And Marshall has proved a model professional. His enthusiasm has not been dulled by the surfeit of cricket to which the modern player is subjected and he continues to work on his game, playing particular attention to fitness after several bouts of injury and learning all the time.

He attributes some of his most recent successes to his newly-acquired ability to make the ball cut from leg after he had sought Dennis Lillee's advice during the 1981-82 tour of Australia. Always willing to discuss the game, Marshall delights in its intricacies and techniques.

He has managed to generate the pace he now does by diligently working on his run-up and delivery. Like most fast bowlers, he used to start slowly, gradually gathering speed for the final burst on delivery. Now he sprints throughout his angled run, culminating in a fast arm-action pivoting his torso with pre-

cise timing and perfect coordination.

Apart from his pace, batsmen say that Marshall creates problems because he "kicks" on to them, probably because he doesn't pound the ball into the pitch from the height of others such as Garner and Holding.

He is, let it be said, fortunate to be playing in such a fine team and to be supported at the opposite end by bowlers of such high quality as Garner and Holding. Yet this does not detract from his achievements or his excellence. At Hampshire he does it without such eminent backing and does it just as effectively.

At the age of 27 (he was born April 18, 1958) Marshall can anticipate many years yet at the highest level. There will be more accomplishments to add to those he has recorded in recent years but, as with so many fast bowlers, there is one which still eludes him and which he is confident is within his grasp – to score a Test century.

His style, and the fact that he has had three first class centuries and a Test innings of 82 are definite indications that it is only a matter of time. He will not be satisfied until then, no matter how many wickets he takes.



Congratulations all round for Malcolm Marshall after he claimed his 100th Test wicket (Roger Wooley) in his 24th Test during Australia's tour of West Indies last year. Marshall took his 101st wicket (John Maguire) with his very next delivery



EXCLUSIVE!

This is the captain of England speaking

Why South Africa can't come out and play

By David Gower

Interview by COLIN BATEMAN



David Gower "From a purely cricket point of view we would love to have SA back on Test circuits"

NO SOONER have we in England put our problems behind us with the end of the ban on our cricketers who played in South Africa, than the Australians found themselves in turmoil

Next winter's proposed tour of South Africa by some Australian players has hit the team's planning for the eagerly-awaited tour here, and harmed their team-building hopes

Also, several young players could be ruling themselves out of Test cricket for the foreseeable future

Australian captain Allan Border has been reported as saying that he understands why some of the players have taken the big financial opportunity of playing there. He be-

lieves it may be time to re-start of ficial matches with South Africa to stop rebel tours

I sympathise with him. From a purely cricket point of view we would love to have South Africa back on the Test circuit

Serious

They would add something to the international game, and from the South African point of view their cricketers would love to be given the chance to play top level serious Test cricket again

Efforts have been made in South Africa to meet many of the conditions laid down about multi-racial cricket as a prerequisite of being allowed to return to the international arena, but the practicalities are that

any official engagement with South Africa would be met immediately with protests by Governments in the West Indies, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Therefore, any move to welcome South Africa back is likely to cause an immediate split in world cricket

And because these are the facts of cricket life we are bound to preserve the whole of international cricket rather than cater for one side of it which would cause that split

However much most cricketers may like the idea of playing with and against those of any nationality, colour or creed, the South African sporting scene is inextricably tied up with world politics.

The Test playing nations are not likely to come to any agreement that South Africa has done enough, so the ban must continue and we will have to accept the constant possibility of rebel tours being organised

It is a problem I think cricket must learn to live with

The situation is as ever highly frustrating for sportsmen. But until governments change their attitude there is nothing we can do about it

It will be a great shame if the Australian tour is affected to any great extent by the problem but fortunately it seems only three of the original party will be missing although they are three good players

And it has given Jeff Thomson the chance to return to England. That, to say the least, will be interesting for us and the supporters

The next few weeks are important for the England side as there are a number of players competing

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for a limited number of places

The so called South African rebels are of course, available again and may have strong claims. But it is runs and wickets that will count when it comes to earning places next month for the forthcoming Ashes battles

Everybody in cricket gets stirred up by England v Australia - the oldest, keenest battle in the game

This summer's confrontation, when we hope to regain the Ashes, will, of course, be no different

But I don't think the three players Australia have lost to the rebel South African tour - Terry Alderman, Rod McCurdy and Steve Rixon - will weaken the side at all

No team leaving Australia is going to give England an easy time.

Geoff Lawson and Craig McDermott are two genuinely quick bowlers, captain Allan Border and Kepler Wessels are quality batsmen, and in Simon O'Donnell they have a powerful exciting young all-



"I'm not sure how I would cope without my fiancée Vicki looking after things for me at home in Leicester"

rounder who should benefit greatly.

Five months of being on tour may sound like fun with the boys but it is, in truth, a hard slog as any cricket widow will tell you

The wives and girlfriends of professional cricketers know just how demanding the season, with its pressure games, long delays and long journeys, can be.

I'm not sure how I would cope without my fiancée Vicki looking after things for me at home in Leicester. It makes a tremendous difference having someone there to organise things, answer the telephone, which seldom stops ringing, and do the laundry.

Being with England puts extra demands on any player - I must receive up to 100 letters some weeks - and if I didn't have someone prepared to help at home I would probably have to have secretarial assistance at the Leicester ground

I'm lucky if I spend half the summer at home and even when I am after a day's cricket I'm not much use to anybody

Vicki, thankfully, seems happy to cope - and there are compensations

She often joins me for a few days away during Tests. On last winter's tour, for instance, we had a month together in Australia

**K.S. RANJITSINHJI**

His character was as beautiful as his batting

By P.N. Sundaresan

Beginning this issue, we publish a series of articles 'Trend setters' which will highlight leading sportsmen of the past who have influenced Indian sport.

MORE than anybody else, it was WG Grace who popularised the game of cricket. "His genial personality, his Jovian form, his inexhaustible vitality and stamina and enthusiasm, all combined with his prodigious prowess to make him the focus of an empire's devotion to the game."

WG Grace, according to HS Altham and EW Swanton, co-authors of the History of Cricket, "contracted fifty years of cricket history into a single span which he bestrode like a Colossus, and he defied all possible rivalry in the future by virtue of the conditions under which he won and consolidated his supremacy." According to Neville Cardus "Cricket's genius, its Englishness of nature, became visible and incarnate in him."

After Grace had paved the way for what was to be the golden period of batting, arrived Arthur Shrewsbury, the first modern batsman.

"He would find little to trouble his method in the latest contemporary attack," in the opinion of Cardus. Because he played back mainly and -what prescience and prophecy! - he covered up with his pads.

"According to my researches, he was the first to systematically use the 'second line of defence' and to base his defence on the back foot close to the spinning ball. He played forward only when he could safely reach to the ball's pitch - unless the flight deceived him, which was seldom."

"Shrewsbury demonstrated that the ball could be watched almost to the bat on the 'stickiest wicket'. He was, indeed the greatest of all players on a sticky wicket."

"Batmanship was now a thing in

itself which the crowds flocked to see, apart from any particularly palpitating anxiety about the result of the match. One after another the procession increases as it moves across our sunset stage.

"Shrewsbury and Gunn and John Shuter and the Reads of Surrey, then the crescendo - Maclaren and

Fry and Bobby Abel and Hayward and Palaret and Brown and Tunnicliffe and Quaife and Johnny Tyldesley and a host of others and also the Australians, but all of them, no matter how high they stood, overshadowed at last by the most wonderful batsman of the lot, inexplicable unless in terms of genius."



K.S. Ranjitsinhji... the Indian game developed on prosaic lines, but the inspiration of Ranji was a potent influence

To bring to the readers a true picture of Ranji one has to resort to the assessments made by those writers and other critics who saw play and were bewitched by what they saw.

There is thus no need to apologise in continuing to quote from Cardus: "The arts and technique of all the great players - expecting those of this wizard - can be explained as the effect of known causes; they grew out of one another as the game developed by slow but natural stages, with here and there a comprehensive summing-up of known principles and a prophetic but logical anticipation of the next move forward

"But now arrived a batsman who was unique, he was not biologically accountable, he was a case of a complete and magical divergence from type. He was a remarkable instance of the power and scope of cricket to express not only the style that is the man but also the style that is the race

"The game was English through and through when he came to it, almost Victorian in fact; the straight bat and the length ball, first princi-

ples; or what might be called an ethically sanctioned technique, open and palpable and honoured by long respectable use.

"When he turned approved science upside down and changed the geometry of batmanship to an esoteric legerdomain, we were bewitched to the realm of rope-dancers and snake-charmers."

A law unto himself, Ranji gave a twist to the accidental approach to batting. "His extraordinary quickness of eye and mind," the History of Cricket puts down, "allowed him to do things utterly impossible for others.

"He would play back to the fastest bowlers on the fastest wicket, and never had to hurry his stroke; his cutting was marvellous; his leg-side play has never been approached, and he broke the hearts of the best bowlers by the way he deflected their fastest break-backs to the boundary

"It was not a glance, as we now understand the term; the ball was met with the full face of the bat, and at the psychological moment those wrists of steel pivoted, and the ball

sped away to leg.

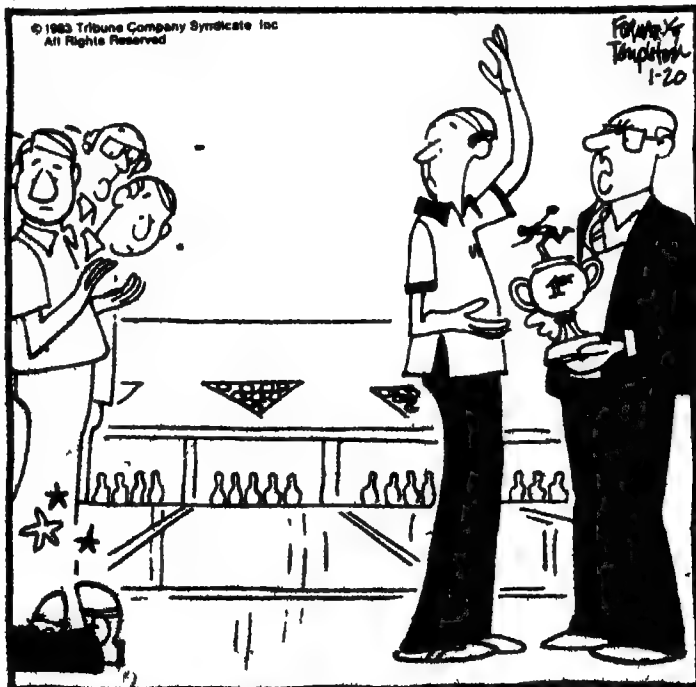
"But it is less commonly realised that he was a wonderful driver, and indeed, in his later years discarded defence more and more for attack, and often played the innings of a pure hitter, only then it was backed throughout by his marvellously resourceful back-play."

The new trend in the art of batmanship that Ranji set was analysed best by none other than his nephew K.S. Duleepsinhji. "Not many people realise," commented Duleep, "that Ranji left a greater imprint on cricket than anybody else. Before him, there were players, here and there who had played back as a pure and simple defensive stroke; but on the whole, it was a forward game played then.

"It was Ranji who made the back-stroke an attacking stroke. The idea of batting up to then was that the ball must travel back more or less in the same direction from where it came to the bat. He changed this by helping the ball in the same direc-

He used the forward stroke for attack and back play for both attack and defence.

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tion, more or less, by slightly deflecting it. This was the great difference between him and others before him.

"He used the forward stroke for attack, and back play for both attack and defence. These are the two great changes he gave to the period which is known as the Golden Age of Cricket." As a direct result of the revolution he wrought in the art of batting, Ranji "orientated afresh the setting of the cricket field."

Born at Sarodar on September 10, 1872, as heir to the Nawanagar throne, Ranji was introduced to cricket by an Englishman, Chester Macnagten, at the Rajkumar College in Rajkot. With his future uncertain because of palace intrigues, the boy sailed to Britain when he was 20 years old, a journey which was to have fateful consequences to the game of cricket. He went to England with "a fixed determination to master the art of batting"

It is a popular fallacy that he was a heaven-born genius who had no need for apprenticeship at all; as a matter of fact, no cricketer has ever practised more arduously. He would engage the best professional bowlers for a month or more in the spring, and bat against them for hours every day, to learn the defence which his Indian experience had not given him



Of course, he was blessed with supreme natural gifts, and an alert and receptive mind, physique that was at once strong, supple, and perfectly coordinated, and, as a result, a lightning quickness of conception and execution that no man, not even Victor Trumper, has ever quite equalled

But it was by unremitting application that he trained himself to make the utmost of these innate advantages "Ranji, before he blossomed into a great batsman, had established himself as a wonderful fieldsman in the slips

It took time for the higher-ups in England to accept Ranji's prowess—'Prince Ranjitsinhji might knock up hundreds in match after match but

the very idea of awarding him a blue for Cambridge University was ridiculous"

It was only in his last year at Cambridge that he was awarded the blue by his captain Stanley Jackson. Later in his career cropped up a similar problem

"To many diehard Britons it seemed inconceivable that an Indian should be accepted on equal terms with the British on a Test match ground In 1896, Lord Harris forbade his inclusion in the England team for the first Test at Lord's"

national today

"If Indian cricket has become a national force and also something of an international force today, it is because of the precept and example of Ranji. For Indian cricket in particular and for India in general the prince was a seminal beneficial source. After him nobody could underrate Indian cricket, and the national which could produce a personality like him

"For a long time too much was expected of Indian cricketers as a class. Every Indian who took up a

The silken-shirted Hindu remained in England most of the period

On and off the field, Ranji was the perfect gentleman "His character," "Duleep tells us," was as beautiful as his batting. I believe that a man's character may be seen in his batting. He radiated happiness and laughter around him."

An incident that revealed Ranji's character may be mentioned in 1951, while shooting in Yorkshire he lost his right eye due to a careless shot fired by his companion. Till the end of his life he did not reveal his companion!

What was Ranji's influence on the game in India? "Ranji is now recognised to be what he unconsciously was, a maker of the modern Indian spirit," commented N S Ramaswami in his centenary tribute in the Indian Cricket annual "His instrument was cricket. It is not to be denied that this game plays an important part in the life of the Indian

bat was expected to be a second Ranji. The prince's genius descend to one of his nephews, but that was all. The Indian game developed on prosaic lines, but the inspiration of Ranji was a potent influence

The overall influence of Ranji in England is brought to us clearly both by Rowland Bowen, in his book on the history of cricket, and A G Gardiner, whose capsule description of Ranji as the 'prince of a small state but king of a great game,' is familiar to every student of literature

The silken-shirted Hindu remained in the country most of the period' wrote Bown, 'though he had to give more and more of his time to managing his own state's affairs in India. To the English public he typified the broadmindedness of Empire, as it was supposed, and he gave them a different mode of playing too'

'It is the Jam Sahib's supreme service that, through his genius for the English game, he has familiarised the English people with the idea of the Indian as a man of like affections with ourselves and with capacities beyond ours in directions supposed to be peculiarly our own

"In a word, he is the first Indian who has touched the imagination of our people. He has released trains of thought in the common mind that cannot fail to influence beneficially the popular feeling in regard to the greatest task that belongs to us as a nation." This picture was from Gardiner.

Despite the fact that Ranji did not play much cricket in India, and none for India, the country holds his memory in reverence. The Ranji Trophy Championship is a fitting memorial for him.





A new-look Thomson with point to prove

By Alan Thompson

TOMMO the Second the Australian of Scottish blood with the 'p' taken out of him is in mean mood

Jeff Thomson, once one of Australia's most feared and fastest bowlers now touring as a selectors afterthought and make-weight, believes he has one or two points to prove to a few people – and that could mean that England are in for a rough ride

I don't think I need to prove anything to myself. But a number of people seem to think I am burned out and I need to prove them wrong,' he said during nets at Lord's

After not playing Test cricket for a couple of years, and not being originally selected for this tour, I was seriously thinking of retiring

In fact, I threw all my gear away and was contemplating spending my time big-game fishing off the Great Barrier Reef

'When the call came I had to buy new gear. You could say there are bigger fish for me to catch over here'

Jeff has mellowed over the years. For one perturbing moment I thought he had turned grey-haired at the prospects of battling against the might of England until he admitted to having had his hair flashed

But he still retains some of the splendid belligerence that raises fast bowlers into a class apart

'I thought some of the men our selectors have picked were no better than me

'Now I have a sense of purpose, something to aim for. This could be the start of my second career

'I still need three wickets to notch up 200 in Test cricket but before I can do that I must re-establish myself in the side

'It is up to me, but I reckon I can still bowl as fast as anyone when I



Jeff Thomson: 'I don't think I need to prove anything to myself but a number of people seem to think I am burned out and I need to prove them wrong'

have to. In shorter spells, perhaps. But in English conditions you do not always have to bowl fast and I can move the ball about off medium pace

The cooler weather over here will also be a help to me

And that could make Tommo too hot for many county batsmen to handle. He has no wish to be a touring squaddie but a burning ambition to be among the leathernecks of the Test arenas

Whatever our critics might say, I believe we have a very good side and young Craig McDermott, in particular, is very quick. He is a genuine fast bowler

I will not walk into the Test side. I will have to work hard to get back but I need those three Test wickets badly – for my own personal satisfaction

One Tommo of a decade ago was bad enough news for England's batting line. Now we face the prospect of two – a four-over fast man

and a medium pacer seamer who will begin to beguile over longer spells

Somehow, with the Ashes up for grabs, I do not think I shall relish that prospect. Already, I am beginning to wish he had got lost fishing the Pacific



Selectors must be mad! Why have they overlooked young Keith Miller?



My Best Mate Marsh

By Dennis Lillee



HE STANDS only 5ft. 8 and a half ins., but his stockiness gives his body an indestructible look. He may only come up to your shoulders, but you'd think twice about insulting him because there's something about the thickness of his physique which suggests you might be a lot better off being his friend

He plays tennis and golf right-handed, but bats left-handed. He learned the piano as a kid and still sings because he refuses to be musically ignorant. As his country's keeper, I've lost count of the times he has hovered mid-air, body outstretched, fingertips clutching the ball

There has only ever been one Rodney William Marsh.

You have heard a lot of stories about Rod Marsh and what he has meant to me, as a mate and my associate in what has been described as one of the most successful fast bowler-wicketkeeper partnerships in cricket history. Let me tell you another.

The scene was certainly depressing enough. I was sitting in a corner of the dressing-room at Launceston, Tasmania, when I should have been out there playing for WA. I had attempted another comeback, or should I say attempted again to overcome a withered right leg and a knee joint which kept filling with bone fragments and fluid

I had bowled well during the first spell, taking a couple of wickets, then tried to come back for a second and couldn't. I managed to finish the over and when I limped dejectedly from the ground, I must have looked like a broken-down gunfighter no longer game to walk the streets.

Rod was the first to come up to me after the day's play

"How is it?", he asked.

"Not too bloody good", I said.

I suppose I could have used a bit of sympathy, particularly from my

old mate Bacchus. But no, he took the other tack.

"Well, I suppose that's it. You can't make it back now. I reckon you ought to give it away", he said.

I couldn't believe my ears. We'd had our verbal gymnastics before, but they only really ever masked our mutual affection. Now here he was laying down the "retirement" law as though he knew all about it. There wasn't a hint of kindness or understanding on his face. He just shook his head and said: "No way. Forget it, pal"

It worked, of course. I have always thought of Rod as a very shrewd man. I'll show the bastard, I

thought to myself. In the cool of the evening later, I knew exactly what Rod was trying to do. In a way, realising just that made me even more determined not to let myself down. Not to let Australia down. And not to give up and let myself down. There was no way I was going to sky the towel and limp into retirement. Not after Rod's subtle psychology. He'd have never forgiven me

In many ways, Rod Marsh is a much-maligned character. Just about any cricket journalist in the land will tell you he is not the most polite man on earth. He is, if anything, inclined to call a spade a f...shovel rather than merely a spade. There are no half-measures



Rod Marsh... In much ways, he was a much-maligned character

about him, but make a friend of Bacchus and you have a great, life-long mate. I'm biased because our mateship goes back a long, long way.

I first laid eyes on him when I was about 17, which would have made him about 19. He was playing for University and I for Perth Cricket Club in a grade match at the University ground.

Now Rod, until fairly late in his career, was never what you could call dapper. Certainly, he looks the part these days in a suit and tie, but even on the cricket field, while his whites are white and his keeping something to behold, he can still manage to look a touch untidy at times.

Well, when he was a youngster he looked bloody dreadful. He had one shirt sleeve rolled up, the other down. In fact, the shirt was his big problem. He could never really find a way of keeping it tucked into his trousers. On reflection, the stomach overhang was the root of the shirt dilemma. He also looked as if he had been dieting on cream pudding and dumplings for most of his younger life. A more corpulent human dome I'd never seen on a cricket field. I was, however, about to learn that extra weight didn't count for one ounce with Rod Marsh.

He opened the batting in those days, and when I ran in to bowl the first ball, I couldn't help but wonder how a bloke so slovenly could get a game of cricket in a top grade side. Then again, it was University, so he must have some talent. They let beatniks in, so why not this fella?

I made a classic mistake that day. Keep in mind I was young and raw concentrating only on bowling fast. The words "line and length" had been mentioned to me but, hell speed was my go. Well, that slob Marsh started to carve me up. He despatched my shorter, faster balls to all points of the boundary. I kept thinking to myself that surely a bloke who looked as bad as he did couldn't keep playing shots like that. But he did. I wished I'd never laid eyes on Rodney Marsh, whoever he was.

I didn't see much more of him either until we both found ourselves in the W.A. team. He made it first and when I followed, you could hardly have called us close mates. In fact, my very first close-up impression of Rod was that he was a little above it all. I was certainly in awe as I ventured into the first-class scene. There I was all of a sudden unpacking my bags with guys I had idolised. But Rod was a particular sort of animal.

In those days if you didn't do what he did, then you didn't fit into his group. You see, Rod drank a bit. I didn't. Rod played golf. I still don't. Rod was one of the boys. I was a novice trying to take it all in. In short, I didn't seem to fit in.

I suppose it should also be pointed out that our backgrounds were quite different. Rod was a university graduate. I left at high school stage and became a bank johnnie. It could hardly be expected that we were going to be bosom buddies right away.

Rod was also a schoolteacher and schoolteachers were not my favourite people. I never had a great respect for most teachers. I always thought they were fine in theory, but not so good in practice. I had th-



Rodney William 'Bacchus' 'Irongloves' Marsh

at theory for a long time and, over the years, I really haven't seen any concrete evidence to change my mind.

I think Rod and I always respected each other's ability. Certainly, I respected his. The bloke just didn't let anything by him and he took 99 catches out of a hundred, which hardly gives you room for complaint.

I suppose the first bonds of friendship were forged when we began touring overseas together with Australian teams. We obviously got to know what made each other tick. The friendship blossomed. We roomed together, we joked together, we fought together

and we were always more than just partners on the cricket field. Well, almost always.

While Rod has been a permanent fixture in the Australian and W.A. teams, he has been a real nomad in terms of his commitments to grade cricket. He had played with no fewer than seven grade clubs in Perth, which must be some sort of a record. One of them was the Perth Cricket Club, where he played under my captaincy.

I wasn't bowling at all at the time. I was directing traffic from mid-on or mid-off and trying to improve my batting while nursing myself to recovery from a serious back injury. The fact that I wasn't able to bowl really didn't curb my natural instinct to win. It was always a serious business as far as I was concerned.

On this particular day, a batsman played a ball out into the covers and I had to run around the field. There was absolutely no chance of a run-out but to set the right example to the lads I sprinted around, gathered in the ball and fired into Bacchus a return that would have winded the sphynx.

While it all looked very nice, as the ball thudded into Rod's gloves, it didn't impress him one bit. He threw off his gloves and slung the ball back at maximum velocity. The only problem was that rather than cut me in half, as he had obviously intended, the ball flew about 10 feet over my head to the boundary. The words exchanged could never be printed. To this day, I haven't asked Rod why he threw that ball.

While Bacchus, like all of us, had his moments of controversy, I cannot think of anyone who better typified the fighting spirit on a cricket field, whether it be a grade match, a Sheffield Shield game, or wearing his favourite green-and-gold. And I'm certain few people are aware of the pain he suffered and the sacrifices the man made just to play cricket.

In later years, he would limp into the rooms after each session in a day behind the stumps and pack his arthritic knee in ice. It had really troubled him for years, but he never complained. He would even pride himself on being able to sprint over 40 or 50 metres against the young blades and hold his own.

His hands took a terrible pounding, too, never more so than in the 1974-75 season against Mike Denness and his Poms when Jeff Thomson was at his glove-thudding best. Again, no complaints. Nothing - certainly nothing



Rod's batting fell away a little towards the end of his career

so mundane as injury or pain – was going to interfere with his involvement with Test cricket

Much – and all of it detrimental – was written and said about Rod's debut for Australia, in the first Test of the 1970-71 series against England. No one (least of all Bacchus himself) was impressed. One respected English scribe, John Woodcock, wrote with all the authority in the world that Rod must be replaced after just that one Test.

It was from that inauspicious debut that Bacchus earned the famous nickname 'Irongloves'. And for it we are indebted to – of all people, Ian Chappell, his team-mate who was to become his skipper. It was all in fun, of course, but it stuck. And in those early days of Rod's international career, it hurt.

The wit of Doug Walters was to make mileage of it years later, when Rod broke Alan Knott's world record for wickets taken by a Test keeper. Walters was heard to remark that Rod would have broken it a long time ago if he'd accepted all those chances in his first Test.

What a tragedy it would have

been for Australian cricket had the selectors heeded the howls for Rod's sacking after that rather unfortunate debut, although I'm sure he'd have quickly fought his way back into the Test team and made the critics eat their misguided words. I'm sure, too, that the 'Irongloves' tag made him all the more determined to prove the rubbishers wrong. And did he do that?

Rod's decision to join World Series Cricket allowed Steve Rixon, John Maclean and Kevin Wright the opportunity to play for the A.C.B.'s Australia. But let's face it, the real action was with W.S.C. I can tell you it was a bloody sight tougher than what they were facing.

When the wounds and egos healed and Kerry Packer and the A.C.B. got together, there were many critics who thought that Rod should have to prove himself all over again to dislodge Wright. What a load of rubbish! Behind the stumps, Marsh was on a planet all of his own. He was the incomparable.

I think it's fair to say that Rod's batting fell away a little towards the

end of the career and I'm sure that the constant bombardment by the West Indies pace brigade had something to do with that.

Despite Rod's relatively poor form with the bat by the earlier standards he set, he was – until Wayne Phillips joined him in 1984 – the only Australian wicket-keeper to hit a Test century. He made the first of three Test hundreds against Pakistan, another against New Zealand and who will ever forget his 110 not out in Centenary Test in Melbourne in 1977?

Poor old Bacchus has also been criticised for the lack of stumpings to his credit during his long career. I have always thought this criticism most unfair. Some people try to tell you that he lacked the skills to stand up to the slow bowlers. The truth is that he lacked the opportunity.

It used to be unheard of to go into a Test match with four fast bowlers. Today, if it's not four, it's three and this emphasis on pace certainly limited his opportunities to show how well he could keep to spin. Alan Knott was probably a better keeper to spin bowling. And why not – he had so much more of it to handle. 'Deadly' Derek Underwood's 290-odd Test wickets provided more than enough opportunities.

But give me pace – and that's what my story is all about – and I'll have Bacchus any day of the week, thank you.

Certainly, he will take some replacing, not only on the field, but in the dressing-room and away from the cricket arena altogether.

He was one who always had a word when it was needed, as well as an ear. A sort of modern-day Father Confessor, if you like, and it is this aspect of the man that many people in the game are going to miss.

Bacchus was an aggressive competitor and he always tried to instil this into his team-mates. He was always straightforward, which didn't leave anybody who was listening to him in any doubt about what he was saying. But while Rod Marsh always had a way with words, I prefer to think of him as a man whose actions always spoke a great deal louder.

I repeat, there will never be another Rod Marsh.

Mate, thanks for the memories.

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Put an end to this menace

By Javed Akhtar

THE big money bait has yet again succeeded in snaring cricketers and lured them into embarking on a tour of South Africa, the land of apartheid and racial discrimination

The Australian Cricket Board received a big jolt when it came to light that nearly half of the touring party bound for England for the Ashes series had agreed to tour South Africa just before their departure

The situation was saved somewhat by TV tycoon Kerry Packer who is reported to have matched the offer made to four of the seven cricketers and prevented them from going to South Africa

An embarrassed ACB's problems were further compounded when the three replacements themselves turned out to be members of the group scheduled to tour South Africa

The ACB has taken a firm stand threatening the rebel players with possible life ban ACB chairman Fred Bennett has made the Board's intention known in this regard

The ACB went a step further by issuing Supreme Court writs to the seven players seeking injunctions to prevent them from touring South Africa

Rodney Hogg, John Dyson, Graham Yallop, John Maguire, Carl Rackemann, Steve Smith and Tom Hogan have been named as defendants along with former Aussie Test player Bruce Francis described as an agent of the South African Cricket Union

These players are under contract with the ACB till September 30, 1986

The ACB has full support of the government and Sports Minister John Brown announced a hard line against the rebels

"We have to make sure these men cannot play in Australia again," Brown said "If the ACB allows the drain to go on, we'll be pushed out of cricket. It will be Australia vs South Africa and nothing else"

It will be interesting to see what comes out of the legal battle. But if the Australian laws follow the British

pattern, there doesn't seem to be much hope for the ACB stopping the tour completely

At the most the ACB will be able to claim damages but one supposes that this will be taken care of by the sponsors of the tour who are offering each player as much as 200,000 dollars

It is time governments the world over realised that they need to take effective measures to check this menace. It is all very well to expect the players not to fall prey to the designs of the unscrupulous elements

For a player who is over the hill and does not expect to play for the country again the offer of a huge amount is difficult to resist. The

kind of money that he would perhaps find it difficult to earn in many years.

The Gleneagles Agreement of 1975, for all practical purposes, has remained only on paper. The countries of the world have been unsuccessful in fully implementing sporting, trade and social boycott of South Africa

A tough stand is needed to be taken to prevent the agreement from turning into a joke. If needed, laws can be amended to stop those intending to tour South Africa

And for those defying this law, harsh penalties, including confiscation of all property and even depriving the player concerned of his citizenship can be provided

THE SPORTING LIFE



HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT THORNDIKE NEVER FINDS HIS BALL IN THE ROUGH ANYMORE SINCE HIS WIFE SEWED UP THOSE BIG HOLES IN THE POCKETS OF HIS GOLF PANTS?



We owe our dignity to cricket, says Lloyd

CLIVE LLOYD former West Indies captain says the game keeps the Caribbean people close to each other and reduces nationalistic prejudices.

He was speaking at a dinner in his honour recently organised by the West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) in his native island Guyana.

Lloyd rated by the Caribbean chroniclers as the best ever West Indies captain, described cricket as instrument of Caribbean cohesion, the remover of arid insularity and nationalistic prejudices. He said it was to "cricket and its many spin-offs that we owe our dignity abroad."

"It is the musical instrument on which we orchestrate our emotions from the extremes of wild enthusiasm to the depths of despair," said the 40-year-old Guyanese, who retired from Test cricket in January at the end of the Australian West Indies Test series.

Lloyd said that he regarded his own playing days as a continuation of the revolution started by late Sir Frank Worrell, a former Barbados and West Indies captain.

"If historians look for a watershed in the fortunes of the West Indies cricket, I feel sure they will endorse unanimously the years of the Worrell," he said.

Lloyd pointed out that it was Sir Frank who cultivated a new attitude to problems of West Indies cricket at a time when there was and the call for arithmetical representation for each country when there was lack of confidence that the general and particular methods of selection guaranteed that best available talent emerged.

"I have always considered that the continuation of his work was my goal. This is the criteria by which I would have my achievements measured," he added.

Glowing tributed were paid to Lloyd by Forbes Burnham, President, Cooperative Republic of Guyana and Allan Rae, President, WICBC.

Rae presented Lloyd with a silver salver, one of a number of gifts the

WICBC presented to him in appreciation of his outstanding leadership of Caribbean cricket.

Lloyd played 110 Tests - the most by any West Indies cricketer, and scored 7,515 runs at an average of 46.67. He captained the West Indies in a world record of 74 Tests, winning 36, losing 12 and drawing 26.

The valedictory dinner hosted in

honour of Lloyd was attended by many former Windies players, the regional cricket administrators and the members of the New Zealand cricket team now playing in the Caribbeans.

Lloyd was later presented with the 1984 'Sportsman-of-the-year' award at a function at Georgetown Club.

RAVI CHATURVEDI



Clive Lloyd...regards his own playing days as a continuation of the revolution started by the late Sir Frank Worrell

Lloyd a big name in Australia-Hall

WES Hall, manager of the victorious West Indies team in Australia and presently managing the Windies squad against the touring New Zealand side in a recent interview over the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation (C.B.C.) stated that Clive Lloyd is a big name in Australia and all Australians were proud to be associated with this celebrity of cricket, who was recently presented with the Order of Australia, which is equivalent to a kingship.

Hall pointed out that there were many financial and commercial concerns very anxious to get Lloyd back into Australian cricket.

Hall said, "Bob Hawke, prime minister of Australia is one who has shown keen interest in Lloyd's return. He has had detailed discussions with Lloyd and Kerry Packer who has always taken an interest in

Butts puts off marriage to make Test debut

THE FACT that cricket has a dominating effect on life in the Caribbeans does not require confirmation. But if one was needed it was provided by Butts who decided to postpone his marriage to make a Test debut.

Clyde Butts the Guyanese off-spinner had planned his wedding on April 7 but he had an equally important engagement that day which too he could not afford to miss.

He was selected to represent West Indies against New Zealand in the first Test, forcing him to delay his matrimonial alliance with petite Marlene Giddings.

Finally the wedding took place on the rest day of the Test at the Wesleyan Church in Georgetown and was attended by the members of the West Indies and New Zealand cricket teams besides relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom.

The lanky 27-year-old Butts did not have any luck on the cricket field. He failed to take a wicket, conceding 118 runs off 47 overs.



Wesley Hall

Lloyd's cricket career."

But he opined that should Lloyd decide to return to Australia it would be a sad blow for the development of cricket in the Caribbeans, as the West Indies would not be able to fully benefit from Lloyd's enormous talent and wealth of experience.

Ever since his return from Australia, Lloyd is having benefit matches and dinners in his honour

all over the Caribbeans where his enormous contribution to Caribbean cricket as a captain and cricketer has been widely acclaimed. It seems doubtful these get togetherd the issue of utilisation of Lloyd's services in the region has also figured but nothing concrete seems to have emerged from these parleys.

One feels the vital decision to stay on in England or to return to his native Guyana or to emigrate to Australia will be greatly influenced by his wife and children. They will consider what the future holds for them at these places. The decision has been kept in abeyance in view of an impending surgery that his wife is likely to undergo shortly.

However, Lloyd had indicated some time back that he will like to be a full time manager of the West Indies team after his retirement. The ball seems to be in the West Indies Cricket Board of Control's court. Let us wait and watch!

RAVI CHATURVEDI

Barbados honours Sobers, Lloyd

THE Barbados Cricket Association (BCA) honoured retired West Indies skipper Clive Lloyd for his outstanding contribution to regional cricket at a presentation ceremony during the third Test between New Zealand and West Indies at Kensington Oval, Bridgetown.

On the eve of the Test briefing, Peter Short, president, BCA, in-



Garfield Sobers

formed the press that a \$622,000 pavilion would be named after the legendary Barbados and West Indies cricketer Sir Garfield Sobers. The pavilion is regarded as the best in the West Indies so far which will add beauty and colour to the Kensington Oval ground.

The BCA presented Lloyd with a magnificent memento to commemorate his long association with West Indies cricket, both as a player and a successful captain during the luncheon interval on the second day of the third Test at Barbados.

Sobers and Lloyd were escorted by Bernard St. John, Prime Minister of Barbados to the newly constructed pavilion and Sobers declared it open before the commencement of the third Test.

After the pavilion commissioning, Short said, "The BCA considers it appropriate to name it after one of the greatest cricketers the world has ever seen, Sobers. We think it will be a living monument to a great player."

R.C.

THE GREAT MATCHES

Close call for hero Cowdrey

By Christopher Hilton

COLIN COWDREY moved down the steps at Lord's as he had done so many times before a man comfortable with his own bulk.

He wore his England pullover and his England cap. He was smiling slightly self-consciously. He held his bat in his right hand.

His left arm was encased in plaster – as useless as a severed limb.

It was the perfect climax to an afternoon which has progressively hypnotised the whole country and had been building remorselessly to just this moment.

The Second Test against the West Indies in June 1963. England had begun their second innings the day before, needing 234 to win. At

the end of play they needed another 118 with seven wickets left.

That was really six wickets. A short ball from Wesley Hall reared and smashed Cowdrey's arm.

Now on the final day, rain and bad light prevented play until 2.20.

The pitch was lively and Hall was the fastest bowler in the world. His partner Charlie Griffith was hostile in a different way. He had a curious action which gave his deliveries deadly bounce.

And batsmen he didn't like at all.

The not-out batsmen overnight, Ken Barrington and Brian Close, were forced to try and survive.

Barrington took 55 minutes to

score five and in the first hour a bare 18 runs were scored.

Barrington was clinging on, weaving, playing and missing, sending the ball over the slips. Griffith had him caught behind for 60, England 130 for four, needing 104.

Jim Parks, a lively batsman, came in and he and Close pushed the score along to 158 before Griffith had him lbw.

Fred Titmus was a stayer. He was a short, chirpy man who could look rather less than elegant with a bat – but he was difficult to get out.

At tea, England were 171 for five. It meant 85 minutes remained and 63 runs were still needed but with an over-rate of 14 an hour that was going to be very awkward indeed.

But Close was still there – Close so often pilloried. Close who all his life traded in fearlessness – Close who had decided that if he couldn't play Hall and Griffith he would put his body in the way and take the pain.

No flinching. No letting the sharks see blood. At the end of it his body looked, as one player said, 'like a road map'.

After tea Hall had Titmus caught and the very next ball Fred Trueman caught too. That was 203 for seven – and crisis. David Allen came in at No 10.

In the First Test, he had made five and one in the first innings here, two. His object: Stay with Close.

Close now decided on the outrageous – or so it appeared. He was going to charge Hall, full frontal.

As Hall flowed in to bowl, Close would move up the wicket as if the man was a slow spinner.

"It wasn't unthinking bravado," Close was to say, "Far from it." He



The fearless Brian Close... by the end of it his body looked, as one player said, "like a road map"



Colin Cowdrey... It was a test of courage for the bruised hero made Hall "lose his rag"

Allen was astonished spectator at the other end "He charged Wes and Wes couldn't believe it Wes stopped in his run-up but Close called to him Come on - bowl"

There were 19 minutes left Close calculated that that was four overs And he knew he had to win the match himself

Close In came Charlie from the Nursery End, the same casual, easy run-up and then suddenly it was the bouncer

'Not only that, but it came up the hill like an off-spinner a very, very fast bouncing off-spinner'

The ball flicked the bottom of the bat - Close was in the act hitting at it, all right - and was caught by the wicketkeeper standing fully 20 yards back He had made 70 and it had taken 3 hours 50 minutes

Nineteen minutes left, 15 to win

In the commentary box John Arlott was talking about the classic unity of time, wickets, runs Now all three were coming together

Derek Shackleton, the No 11 made his way to the wicket He was an old hand, he wasn't going to panic He and Allen chipped and stole ten runs - nobody gave a damn how

One over left, eight to win The six o'clock news on television was thrown into chaos They left the cricket The switchboard was jammed. They went back to the cricket

Allen said to Shackleton he'd run if he had half a mid-on and nobody at mid-off"

Hall, a magnificent athlete, came in to Shackleton. No run from the first ball, a scampered single from the second, another - to Allen - from the third

Shackleton faced again. Three balls left, six to win. They set off

again but Frank Worrell at short leg grabbed the ball and, in a maelstrom of noise, outran Shackleton to the bowler's end and broke the stumps.

And so Colin Cowdrey moved down the steps and out batsmen had crossed At least Cowdrey didn't have to face the bowling And if he did he would do so one-handed and left-handed, to protect his arm

Two balls left

He asked Cowdrey "What does the skipper say?"

"It's entirely up to you But don't throw it away"

Then Allen went back "I couldn't afford to take a single and give Colin the strike It had to be twos or fours only"

And this against the fastest bowler in the world

That fifth ball was just short of a

length Allen played back to it very calmly

Hall tramped away Worrell said to him "Whatever you do don't bowl a no-ball!" Hall continued to the end of his run-up

Any one of four results were possible from this final ball - a win for either side, a draw or a tie

It is always, says Allen, easier to be in the middle than watching it His calmness, his sense of detachment remained despite the mounting hysteria He settled If he could cut the ball or force it on the leg side he's do that

In came Hall "It was short - a typical fast bowler's length" Allen remembers, as if the ball is still coming at him these 20 years later He had no time to do anything except get onto the back foot and play it

No run

It had ended as a draw the most famous draw them all

Lord's scoreboard

WEST INDIES

First Innings

C Hunte c Close b Trueman	44
E McMorris lbw Trueman	16
G Sobers c Cowdrey b Allen	42
R Kanhai c Edrich b Trueman	73
B Butcher c Barrington b Trueman	14
J Solomon lbw Shackleton	56
F Worrell b Trueman	0
D Murray c Cowdrey b Trueman	20
W Hall not out	25
C Griffith c Cowdrey b Shackleton	0
L Gibbs c Stewart b Shackleton	0
B 10 Lb 1	11

Total

301

FALL-51 64 127 145 219 219 263
297 297

Second Innings

c Cowdrey b Shackleton	7
c Cowdrey b Trueman	8
c Parks b Trueman	8
c Cowdrey b Shackleton	21
lbw Shackleton	133
c Stewart b Allen	6
c Stewart b Trueman	33
c Parks b Trueman	2
c Parks b Trueman	2
b Shackleton	1
not out	1
B 5 Lb 2 Nb 1	8

Total

-229

FALL-15 15 64 84 104 214
224 226 228

BOWLING-First Innings Trueman 44 16 100 6 Shackleton 50 2 22 93 3 Dexter 20 6 41 0
Close 9 3 21 0 Allen 10 3 35 1 Second Innings Trueman 26 9 5 25 Shackleton
34 14 72 4 Titmus 17 3 47 0 Allen 21 7 50 1

ENGLAND

First Innings

M Stewart c Kanhai b Griffith	2
J Edrich c Murray b Griffith	0
E Dexter lbw Sobers	70
K Barrington c Sobers b Worrell	80
C Cowdrey b Gibbs	4
B Close c Murray b Griffith	9
J Parks b Worrell	35
F Titmus not out	52
F Trueman b Hall	10
D Allen lbw Griffith	2
D Shackleton b Griffith	8
B 8 lb 8 nb 9	25

Total

297

FALL-2 20 102 115 151 206 235 271
274

Second Innings

c Solomon b Hall	17
c Murray b Hall	8
b Gibbs	2
c Murray b Griffith	80
not out	9
c Murray b Griffith	70
lbw Griffith	17
c McMorris b Hall	11
c Murray b Hall	0
not out	4
c run out	4
B 5 lb 8 nb 3	16

Total (9 wkts)

228

FALL-15 27 31 130 158 203
203 219 228

BOWLING-First Innings Hall 18 2 65 1 Griffith 26 6 91 5 Sobers 18 4 45 1 Gibbs
27 9 59 1, Worrell 13 6 12 2 Second Innings Hall 49 9 93 4 Griffith 20 7 59 3 Gibbs
17 7 56 1, Sobers 4 1 4 0

Umpires-J S Butler and W E Phillips



India in One-Day Matches:

A survey of the 1984-85 season

By B.B. Mama

	Played	Won	Lost	Draw
vs Australia (in India)	5		3	2
vs Pakistan (in Pakistan)	2		1	1
vs England (in India)	5	1	4	
B&H World Championship	5	5		
Cricketers Cup (in Australia)	2	2		
Rotmans Cup (in Sharjah)				
	19	8	8	3

Match by match result

Delt	Australia beat India by 48 runs
Trivandrum	India and Australia (Abandoned)
Jamshedpur	India and Australia (Abandoned)
Ahmedabad	Australia beat India by 7 wickets
Indore	Australia beat India by 6 wickets
Quetta	Pakistan beat India by 46 runs
Sialkot	Pakistan and India (Abandoned)
Pune	England beat India by 4 wickets
Cuttack	England beat India (Faster R.R.)
Bangalore	England beat India by 3 wickets
Nagpur	India beat England by 3 wickets
Chandigarh	England beat India by 7 runs
Melbourne	India beat Pakistan by 6 wickets
Sydney	India beat England by 86 runs
Melbourne	India beat Australia by 8 wickets
Sydney	India beat New Zealand by 7 wickets
Multan	India beat Pakistan by 8 wickets
Sharjah	India beat Pakistan by 38 runs
Sharjah	India beat Australia by 3 wickets

A figure curiosity In the 5 match limited overs series against England India scored 3 runs more in the over all tally (1026 as against England's 1023) and took 3 wickets more (32 as against 29). Yet England triumphed by an over all margin of 3 matches (4 wins minus one defeat).

Highest totals

252 5 (49 overs) vs England (Cuttack)
241 7 (47 4 overs) vs England (Nagpur)
235 5 (43 overs) vs Australia (Indore)
215 9 (50 overs) vs England (Sydney)

Lowest Totals

114 5 (15 overs) vs England (Chandigarh)
125 42 4 overs) vs Pakistan (Sharjah)

Individual scores of 90 plus

105 Dilip Vengsarkar vs England (Pune)
102 Ravi Shastri vs Australia (Indore)
102 Ravi Shastri vs England (Cuttack)
99 Krish Srikkanth vs England (Cuttack)
94* Dilip Vengsarkar vs Pakistan (Sialkot)
93* Mohd. Azharuddin vs Pakistan (Melbourne)
93* Krish Srikkanth vs Australia (Melbourne)

NOTE India compiled a total of 22 fifties (including 3 tons) in the season—6 by Shastri (inc. 2 hundreds), 5 by Srikkanth and 4 by Vengsarkar (inc. one century). Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev each scored 2 fifties whilst Roger Binny, Sandeep Patil and Azharuddin had one apiece.

Century wicket partnership

188 (1st Wkt) Shastri & Srikkanth vs Eng (Cuttack)
143 (3rd Wkt) Vengsarkar & Patil vs Pak (Sialkot)
132 (4th Wkt) Azharuddin & Gavaskar vs Pak (Melbourne)
124 (1st Wkt) Shastri & Srikkanth vs Aus (Melbourne)
118 (2nd Wkt) Srikkanth & Vengsarkar vs Eng (Pune)
115 (3rd Wkt) Shastri & Gavaskar vs Aus (Indore)
108* (4th Wkt) Vengsarkar & Kapil Dev vs NZ (Sydney)
104 (1st Wkt) Shastri & Binny vs Aus (Ahmedabad)
103 (1st Wkt) Shastri & Srikkanth vs Pak (Melbourne)



Dilip Vengsarkar... his 105 against England at Pune is the highest individual score for India in one-dayers during 1984-85

Three more wickets in an innings

4-35 Roger Binny vs Pak (Melbourne)
4-37 Madan Lal vs NZ (Sydney)
4-40 Ravi Shastri vs Eng (Nagpur)
3-17 Kapil Dev vs Pak (Sharjah)
3-23 Kapil Dev vs Pak (Melbourne)
3-24 T.A. Sekhar vs Eng (Chandigarh)
3-27 Roger Binny vs Aus (Melbourne)
3-30 Ravi Shastri vs Eng (Sydney)
3-31 Ravi Shastri vs NZ (Sydney)
3-35 L. Sivaramakrishnan vs Pak (Melbourne)
3-36 Kapil Dev vs Pak (Quetta)
3-38 Kapil Dev vs Eng (Bangalore)
3-39 L. Sivaramakrishnan vs Eng (Sydney)
3-43 Ashok Patel vs Aus (Indore)



SPORTSWEEK

Pakistan International Airlines may have a better fleet of airplanes than Indian Airlines, but when it comes to hockey players, the latter are streets ahead—or so it was in the Bombay Gold Cup Hockey tournament this year.

With a fine amalgamation of youth and experience, bravado and shrewdness, Indian Airlines clipped PIA's wings with an emphatic 4-1 win in the final.

Skipper Merwyn Fernandes (receiving the trophy above) had a superb tournament. He led from the front and his dazzling stickwork left many defenders flummoxed.

But Indian Airlines could hardly have achieved the wins they did without the redoubtable centre half Hardeep Singh who brought back memories of Ajit Pal Singh with his clever ball distribution, and his supreme positional play either in defence or up in front.



BAY DY

A rejuvenated Zafar Iqbal had his moments of glory. A new development in the former India captain's game is the powerful centre he sends in from the left flank. In any case Zafar provided enough proof. If proof was needed, that he is the best outside left in the country.



Mumtaz Haider's opportunism carried Pakistan through to the final. Inside the circle, with his roving eye and a free swinging stick which rarely missed the mark, Haider was lethal. Unfortunately for PIA, he ran out of steam in the final.



SPORTSWEEK

The Pakistan International Airlines team came with a daunting reputation. With 11 Olympians in their ranks they were expected to brush aside all opposition. But with very little practise and on a difficult, natural grass surface they ran into immediate problems. In this context they did well to finish runners up. They would have fared much worse but for skipper Qasim Zia, who was a tower of strength in the defence. Calm and unruffled, Zia showed why he is regarded as one of the finest defenders in the world with his clean, but effective tackling.



Calcutta giants get tossed around unceremoniously

By R. Arvindam

CALCUTTA'S glamour sides East Bengal, Mohammedan Sporting and Mohun Bagan are having a tough time in the IX Federation Cup soccer tournament in Bangalore where the first leg of the first semi-final is already over but without any result.

The Calcutta outfits are yet to click as a combination but Mohun Bagan, who seemed to be settling down well, have had some unfortunate setbacks with injuries to star

strikers Sishir Ghosh and Xavier Pius.

However, after having long spells of supremacy against Salgaocar Goa, they survived some anxious moments to a 1-1 draw of the first leg semi-final on Sunday. With the second leg to be played only on May 11, Bagan are hoping that both their injured players will be back in action and so would another injured player, the winger Bidish Bose.

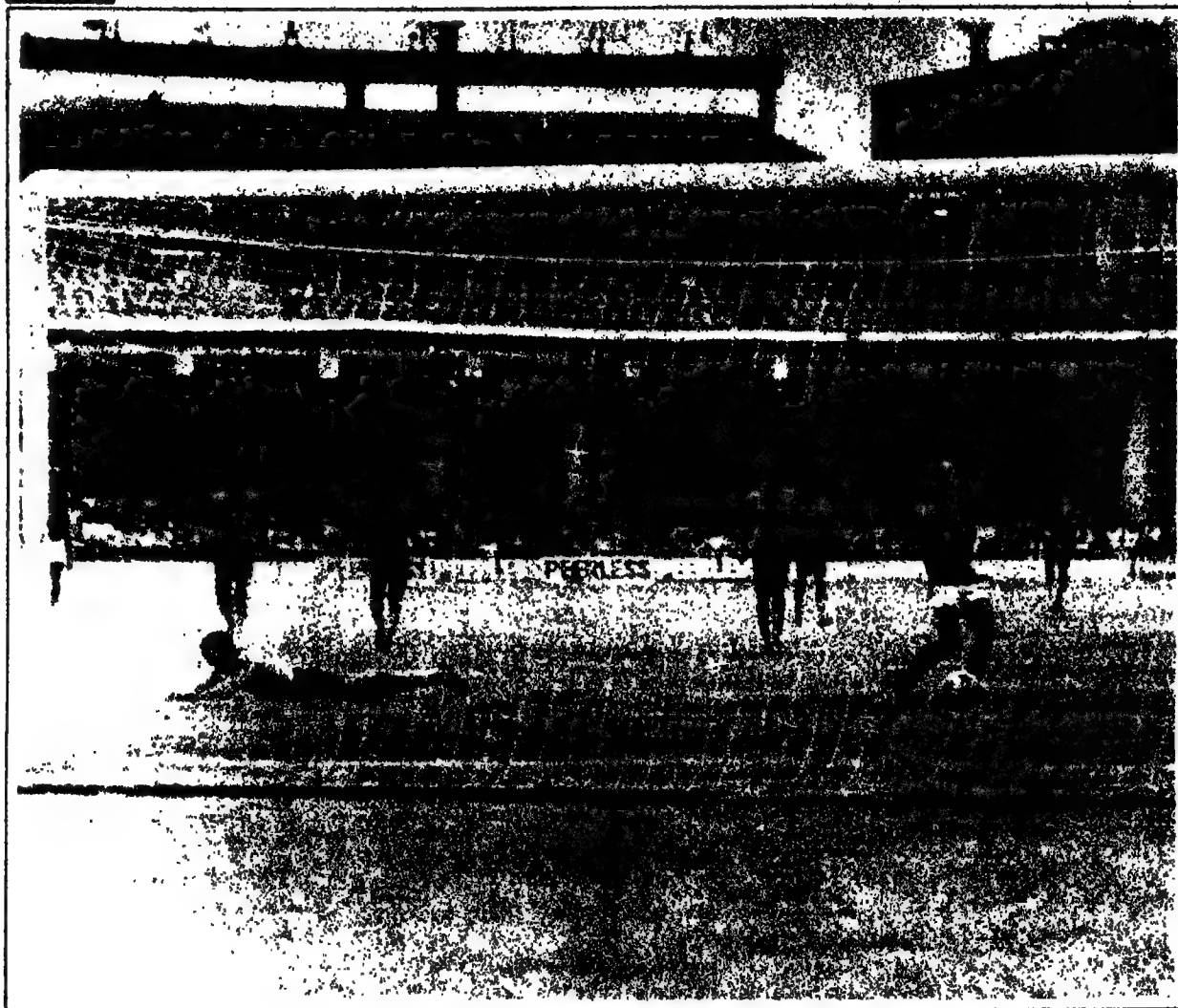
In the semi-final, Bagan had Babu Mani, Krishnagopal Choudhury and Kartick Sett in their frontline. While Choudhury looked a misfit, Babu Mani seemed to be satisfied only to please the gallery with a few dribbling antics, and the brilliant Subrata Bhattacharjee was good to beat in the defence. Farid was not at his best but Prasanta Banerjee did a fine job with a stream of passes for his forwards who just did not respond.



East Bengal's Bikash Paul scores his team's all-important goal over HAL.



IX FEDERATION CUP SOCCER



Babu Mani of Mohun Bagan scores his team's fourth goal against ICF, Madras. Bagan won 7-0

The Bagan defence looks a bit slow and if only Salgaocar showed more dash in their frontline, they could have rattled their rivals. Goal keeper Pratap Ghosh of Mohan Bagan brought off a good save, once off a rasping drive from Hercules Gomes following a free-kick, but soon after, fumbled with a sharp header from Sarto Baptista; and luckily for Bagan, substitute Cyril Dias who had just come on to the field reacted late, as the ball came to him, and shot wide.

Lawrence Gomes matches his counterpart Prasanta's performance but Baptista in this match was on the slow-side. Bagan still looks the best team so far to win this tournament. However, Md. Sporting, who are in line for a unique hat-trick are well and truly in the soup. They have drawn both their matches, the first against Punjab State Electricity Board and the second against CIL, Bangalore, easily the weakest team in this

tournament

Playing against CIL, the reigning champions did not seem to realise the situation they were in. They had to win and the bigger the victory margin, the better it would have been for them.

First, they made too many changes in the team and then, after Sanjib Bhattacharya had got their goal in the first half, they relaxed and paid dearly for it, for CIL managed the equaliser - a superb effort indeed - and held on grimly for a draw.

Rajkumar from the centre raced down the left flank with Prem Dorji and Moid-Ul-Islam in hot pursuit, but he kept on and sent across a beauty which flashed past goal-keeper Atanu Bhattacharya - and Paul Arokiadas headed it home, coming in like a bolt from the blue.

Dempo drew 1-1 with Punjab State Electricity Board and at the

time of writing are to play Md. Sporting.

East Bengal have all the big names but not the combination, with both Jamshed Nassiri and Krishanu Dey yet to show their class. Only Debashish Roy has been impressive and he's the one who got the lone goal which gave them victory over plucky Central Excise.

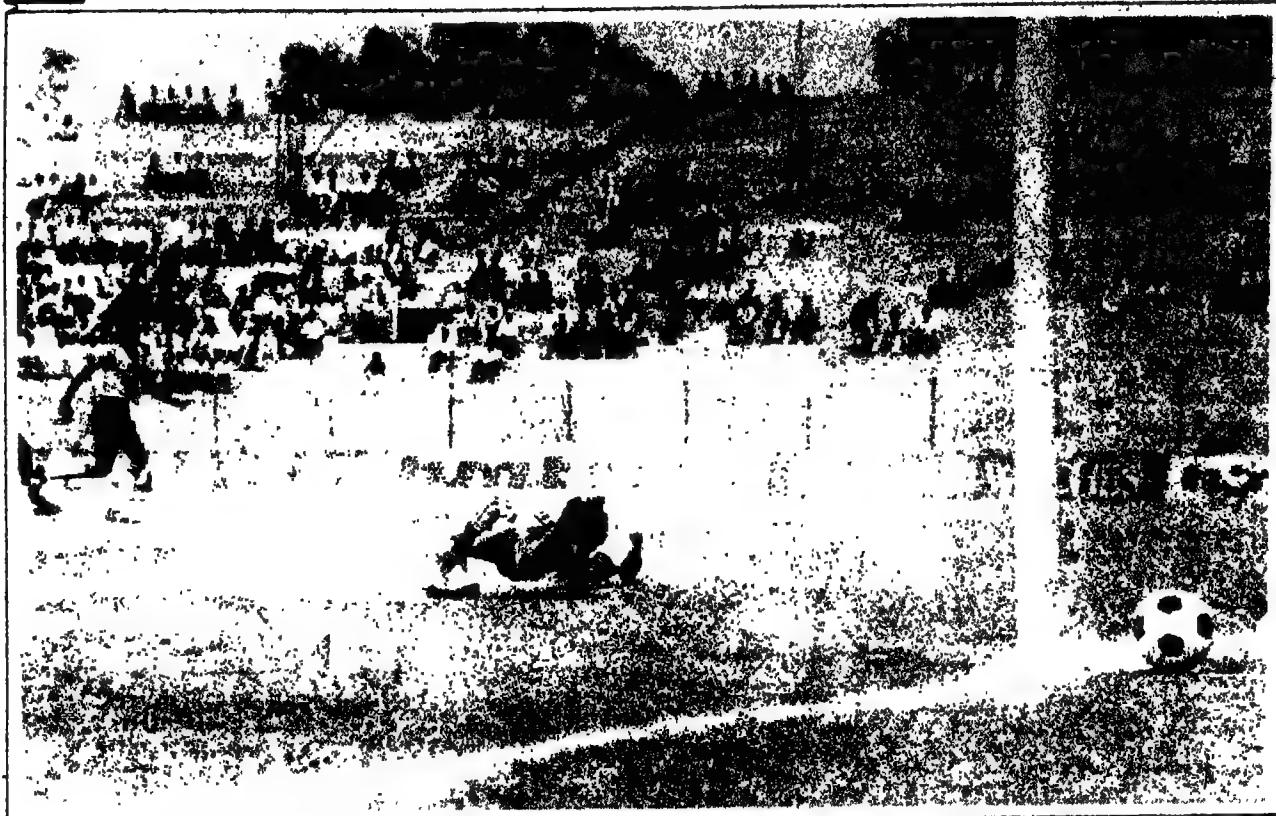
They now clash with JCT mills in the last group D match and should sail through, for the Phagwara team have been the disappointment of the tournament. Winners of the Madura Coats Centenary and Nagjee Tournaments, JCT went down by 0-3 margins to both HAL and Central Excise and are out of the reckoning. It's been a shocking performance.

The two legs of the second semi-finals are scheduled for May 12 and 15 with the final on May 19 after a three-day gap.



ABOVE: Salgaocar's Lawrence Gomes misses a glorious chance to score past Tata custodian Bandya. The Bombay team lost 0-1. **BELOW:** Babu Mani is clearly obstructed by Madura Coats' Narayan Mohan. Bagan won 1-0.





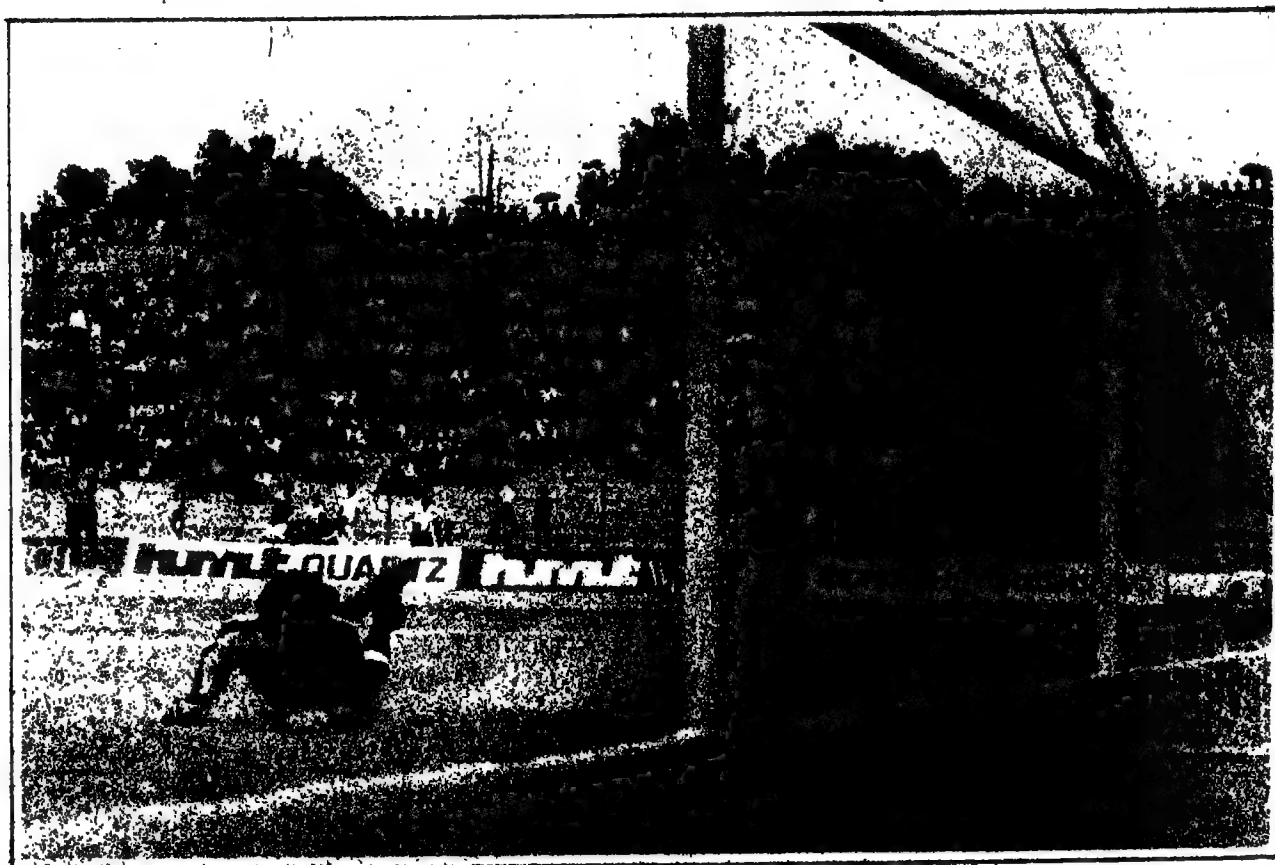
Sishir Ghosh (extreme left) of Mohan Bagan scoring against ICF, while the grounded ICF custodian Krishnan looks helplessly on



LEFT: The ICF custodian Krishnan in a mid-air tussle with K. Choudhary of Mohan Bagan. RIGHT: HAL's Ravindranathan in an aerial duel with East Bengal's Biswajeet Bhattacharya and Debashish Roy (down)



ABOVE: Amitava Mukherjee (left) of Md. Sporting vying for the ball with Harmandir Singh of PSEB. The teams drew goalless



Pics: Santosh Ghosh



MAURICE AFONSO

Goa's gift to Indian soccer

ONE OF the main reasons for Goa's poor performance in the recently concluded 41st National Football Championship in Uttar Pradesh was the absence of Maurice Afonso in the mid field

23-year-old Maurice could not be there to assist Goa as he was in the Indian team for the pre-world cup tournament

Maurice who has now established himself as a permanent member of the National side made his debut in international soccer in 1983 and has played for India in 18 matches so far

He first played for Goa in the nationals at Calcutta the same year

Maurice said that he learnt the fundamentals of the game from Cajetan Lobo at St Bosco High School Chinchinima village where he was born

There were some better players in the school team and I did not really excel in the game at that stage. But some former players did consider me as a promising youngster and had high expectations from me. Maurice said and added that he was really lucky to start his career with Salcete Football Club

My game began improving with every match that I played for Salcete and it made an impression on the selectors of Salgaocar Sports Club. I was delighted when I had an offer from Salgaocar in 1981 and it



Maurice Afonso... his inclusion in the Indian team deprived Goa of his valuable services

was during my association with Salgaocar that I could really make a good name for myself, Maurice admitted

Maurice joined glamour outfit Dempo this season only after serving Salgaocar for three years. So far he has been able to do duty for Dempo just once and that was in the super league match which Dempo were unlucky to lose to Salgaocar

For a greater part of the season Maurice has been in the Indian team rather than with Dempo. His inclusion in the Indian team also deprived Goa of his valuable services in the Nationals. Goa needed his services badly in a bid to perform the hat-trick of winning the coveted Santosh Trophy. Goa lost one of their quarter final league matches to Services by three goals and also dropped a point in Andhra thereby failing to reach the semi-finals. The strong mid field combination of Arnold, Maurice and Herbert had played a vital role in Goa's triumph at Madras last year

Maurice considers JCT Mills from Pagwara as the best side at the moment. He expressed his disappointment for having missed the recent finals of the Madura Coats tournament between Dempo and

JCT

JCT are virtually a Punjab state side and they play a fast game for which they are endowed with good stamina

Parmar in defence, Parminder in the mid-field and Kashmira in attack are the great performers for them," said Maurice. "Parminder, with a superb control over the game is their real play maker," he added

I have great respect for Cinc Milovan for he is truly a fine coach. Milovan likes players who work hard and are always prepared to put their best feet forward for the country. He motivates the players very well and has a knack to explain the things clearly during practice session," Maurice said

Personally I have learnt many things from him. The exposure to international soccer has helped to improve my game to a considerable extent. The best game that I have played so far was against Iran in the Asia Cup tournament at Singapore where India held them to a goalless draw, said Maurice

He said that the best match he played for Salgaocar was in the 1982 Federation Cup tournament at Calicut. "We defeated East Bengal 2-0 in the quarter final league match and I had the satisfaction of netting the second goal after Arnold Rodrigues had got the lead for us. I also scored for Salgaocar in the second leg quarter final match against East Bengal in the 1983 Rovers Cup Tournament. We shared four goals with East Bengal in the first leg and trounced them 3-0 in the second leg," Maurice said with a sense of pride

Maurice considers Oscar Rebello as the best defender among the Goans. Oscar and Anthony Rebello stood like rocks in Salgaocar's defence and it is really unfortunate that Oscar has been forced to give up the game due to illness

Asked about his ambitions Maurice who is fond of reading and cycling said "It's to captain the Indian team sometime or the other. I had an offer from a leading Calcutta side but I will always prefer to play for Goa. I shall also be happy to lead Goa in the Nationals," Maurice concluded.

Am K. Moya

SOCCERTOON



By David D'Souza

FIH's utter disdain for Indian hockey

THE kings have lost their crown. Actually they lost it long ago after the 1981 Bombay world cup hockey. And there is no way things can be redeemed.

There is disdain all over for Indian hockey. Everybody who is anybody has been cocking a snook at our associations and the stuff we dole out.

Sentiments have no place with the high priests of the Federation Internationale de Hockey (FIH). India is a has-been. Period.

That is probably why when the FIH decided to issue the suspension orders on five Indian players, they did not deem it necessary to inform the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) about the impending order.

There is no such thing as a communication gap between the FIH and the IHF. The silence has been initiated by the FIH itself, as it feels it is a waste of time to have a constructive dialogue with India, which in turn, has left the IHF complacent enough to take things lightly.

A decade or more ago, the sub-continent had tremendous power at their elbow and they had made enough room in the past to push forward their decisions and had vetoed or seconded many a FIH suggestion.

Today, that elbow room has become unbearably cramped in the musty high-ceilinged rooms and Indians are given looks that could not be called cordial.

This trend, of course, has reflected on the field of play too. This does not mean that India have been playing grandly and have been losing their encounters due to dubious decisions. But some of the decisions that have gone against them would rightly irk a diehard fan.

Thus the frustrations at having the wrong end of the stick for quite some time must have told on the Indian players who allegedly assaulted the Japanese umpire in the final of the Asian

Cup hockey at Dhaka, earlier this year.

No report from the umpire received by the IHF, so a clear picture of the proceedings of that final against Pakistan has not emerged.

This is the time for the video recordings made by Doordarshan to be shown to the IHF and the Indian public. The Dhaka newspapers published pics of Merwyn Fernandes raising his stick and Rajinder Singh digging his hockey into the umpire's side.

This however does not construe that the umpire was assaulted by these two players.

When the controversial Kaleemullah goal was awarded in the final, more than 5,000 (according to a senior journalist from Bombay who was covering the event) spectators rushed onto the field and from the press gallery, you could not see a thing out there in that huge mass of humanity.

I am in no way trying to make out that the Indian players were the good boys or that the IHF are totally innocent, but what I'm trying to get at is that the ruling world body has thrown the norms out of the window and have acted in an unprecedented manner.

They have not taken the IHF into confidence and neither did they intimate the IHF that this was going to be a point of discussion on the council's agenda.

The IHF, however, are to be blamed for this state of affairs. Not only has our reputation taken a beating, but our dignity has been mud-slung.

If the manager and the two coaches had spelt out to the IHF in writing soon after they came back from Dubai just exactly what transpired in the Bangladesh capital, the IHF would not have got themselves into this vortex of problems, which in turn would have saved the careers of our players, who, heaven knows, may never play for the country again, depending on the length of the suspension.

No, the IHF dilly-dallied. They did not initiate an enquiry. Dr. K. Bedi, the manager did not give the report. He was silent for too long. And the poor players are the sufferers.

They have been made scapegoats in the game that Dr. K. Bedi has played.

He did not even tender an apology in Dhaka and it was left to the captain, M. Somaiya to do the needful.

Ashwini Kumar, vice-president of the International Olympic Committee, and the former president of the IHF was in Brussels at the time and said that the FIH were very unhappy at the state of Indian hockey.

The two Indian representatives on the FIH executive board have not attended a single meeting in four years and as a result of India's absence, the FIH technical committee gave an ex-parte verdict.

All these problems, unfortunately have given the Indian Olympic Association enough lead in their gloves to knock IHF off their perch and take over this autonomous body, and the IOA president Vidya Charan Shukla must be rubbing his hands in glee.



BOMBAY GOLD CUP HOCKEY

Golden hockey at the BHA

IT WAS A day to remember. The final of the Bombay Gold Cup, an overflow crowd, two fine teams both brimming with internationals and clean, hard, fast hockey, culminating in five marvellous goals, all scored from the field.

For lovers of Indian hockey it was especially satisfying to see Indian Airlines defeat PIA by such a convincing margin as 4-1, but the real victory was for hockey, and this victory was reflected in the size of the crowd and in the beautifully high standard of hockey displayed.

The cynical may say that the game slowed down in the second half and that the Pakistanis were not used to playing on grass, and that many of Pakistanis were new and inexperienced and thus overawed by the big occasion.

All these points are true, but they can take nothing away from the excitement and satisfaction of the match.

It must be remembered that the PIA defence is virtually the Pakistan defence and that Pakistan is both World and Olympic champion. In their three matches before the final the Pakistanis had allowed only one goal.

And, PIA struck first in the final through an opportunistic Mumtaz Haider, who followed a scoop into the IA penalty area and beat Neelkamal with a hard, angular drive.

In spite of this Airlines never panicked and played cool, confident hockey. And the result was four field goals and total dominance over PIA. The tally could easily have been five if Merwyn had not struck the outside of the right post with a penalty push in the second half.

Truently, it was a full-blooded complete victory.

With Zafar and Merwyn on the left being the attacking side of the IA forward line, it was only natural that PIA kept them under tight control. But what happened was that the right flank, consisting of "senior citizens" Grewal, Ashok, and Gurcharan came to life.

Grewal, heavy-set and almoved quickly ahead to accept the immediate return pass.

He scored the first goal from the



Merwyn's defence-splitting pass—a common feature on this day has PIA's Qasim Zia and center-half Ishtiaq Ahmed gaping. This pass found Zafar on the left flank who master-minded three out of the four goal-scoring moves.

top of the D after a move on the left-flank — it was a quick shot not particularly hard, but too sudden and too well-placed for Shahid in the PIA goal to stop it.

And the second goal, also scored by Grewal, was a real gem. Again the move came from the left, and Grewal reverse-flicked from almost the zero angle to beat a bewildered Shahid once again. It was a magic goal, and put IA right on top to stay.

Ashok Kumar at right-inside, who, like Grewal, has not played for India for over five years, played the game of his "old" life. The slower game on grass suited him completely, and he was in his element. He was instrumental in transferring the ball from defence to attack, and his distribution of passes set up Zafar on the left wing so that Zafar could make his dangerous moves and centre into the penalty area.

Ashok too showed flashes of his dribbling skills, and only slowed down in the second half. By then he was a tired, but very happy, hockey player.

Gurcharan on the right wing was given a good deal of room by the Pakistanis, and he played above himself to put in a fine game, scor-

ing the final goal after Zafar's shot bounced off Shahid's pads. Gurcharan is not a smooth player, but on this day he never stopped hustling and running, and he and Grewal fashioned several fine moves.

At left-inside, Merwyn played in a withdrawn position, and was al-



OUT OF MY WAY—'Senior Citizen' Grewal made it his duty to fly down into the circle to receive Zafar's and Gurcharan's passes. Ishtiaq Ahmed tries an unsuccessful body block to hinder Grewal's speedy progress.

COMMENT



Even as the shadow's lengthened, Hardeep never gave up. His single-handed tackling, his phenomenally quick recovery on being beaten, his incisive passing and his true and hard first-time clearances kept the PIA attackers out

ways under check by the Pakistanis. He wisely fed the right side, with only occasional passes towards Zafar on the left.

And Merwyn scored the third goal in tandem with Grewal, in the end dribbling around a prostrate Shahid right in front of the PIA goal. Zafar had a subdued game, both because he was so well checked by Ayaz Mehmood and because the right side of the IA forward line was functioning so well. But the first two goals both came from moves down the left flank by Zafar, and the final goal was all Zafar as he took the ball from the inside-left position and dodged by three defenders before shooting hard onto Shahid's pads. And Gurcharan was there to tap in the rebound.

It is interesting to see Zafar now centering more and more to the top of the penalty area, instead of trying to work his way in on his own. His centres, especially to Ashok waiting just outside the penalty area, were always hard and true.

The half-line of IA is a wonderful combination of defence and attack. Abdi a right-half is a spoiler in the Somaiya mold. Tireless and efficient, his trapping and tackling are quick and sure.

He is not a great passer, but the seldom makes a mistake. Sujit Kumar at left-half may not be as sure as Abdi, but he distributes the ball well, and is a fighter.

And then, of course, there is Hardeep. The man is a genius. In defence he is almost unbeatable, and if he is beaten, he is so fast in recovery that the attacker only has a moment to make his move. Time and time again Hardeep would calmly stop the ball inside the penalty area and bring it out, passing off to Ashok or Merwyn with pre-

cise and skillful passes. It is in this transition game, from defence to attack, that Hardeep excels. With one pass he has the forwards on attack, and the opposing defence on the run.

And Hardeep's one-handed tackling is a delight to watch. A left-hander, he reaches in so cleanly and firmly with one hand to steal the ball that the opponent is left wondering what happened. If there had been a Man of the Match award for the final, Hardeep would have been the unquestioned winner.

The two full-backs, Vineet and Virender Bahadur, are a study in contrasts. They are both large men, but Virender is the aggressive one, always on the attack. Vineet is much more cool, following the man with the ball, but never forcing the issue.

Together they were almost unbeatable, with Virender standing out because of the aggression and speed in his game. Both attempted penalty corners, but without any success. One Vineet drive just



Way to go 'Bhaisaheb'! Another 'senior citizen' Ashok Kumar time and again kept feeding his forward wingers with first-time taps and superb short-passes. He was a very happy man at the end of it all

missed the left corner, and one Virender bullet struck Shahid on the forearm and flew high over the goal. That was the closest they could come to making a goal.

Neelkamal in the goal is a puzzling proposition. Endowed with tremendous reflexes, and absolutely fearless, he stopped a sizzling drive from the right flank, and also rushed out well once or twice to smother an attack. But he often seemed to be slightly out of position, as in the Mumtaz Haider goal, and also seems to lack a certain confidence. He appears to not think too much about his game, but rely instead on his reflexes and quickness.

Among the Pakistanis, Qasim Zia stood out, with his absoluteness of calmness and his uncanny knack of anticipating an opponent's move. Mumtaz Haider scored a fine goal, but is not yet a Hassan Sardar. Possibly an opportunistic player like him needs Astro-Turf and the true bounce it provides to give him the split-second timing to shoot the ball home first-time.

Saleem Sherwani was all speed and dribbling and weaving patterns, but he never could make constructive moves. Perhaps he needs a Manzoor Jr. or a Hanif with him in the forward line.

There is a strong temptation to read too much into this match, and herald the dawn of a new era in Indian hockey. But even the cynic has to appreciate the style and spirit of hockey played in the final.

And the most important thing is that IA played a passing game, with quick transition from defence to attack, and short and quick first-time movements between two and three players. There was the minimum of selfish and pointless dribbling, and both flanks were used to the maximum.

Thus the attacking game was spread all across the field, and the enemy defence was given no rest. And when a chance came inside the penalty area, the goals were scored.

It was "Asian" hockey at its best. And the 14,000 fans loved it.

It was golden hockey, and may we see more and more of it in the days to come.

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Our friendly neighbourhood "Spiderman" -Shahid Ali Khan

THEY called him "Spiderman" and he loved it. They called him by some other crude names and he hated them.

Love and hate - that's the kind of reactions he elicits. 5 feet 8 inches tall and only 64 kgs. in weight, he looks quite menacing with all that padding and the "Spidey" face mask.

He's Shahid Ali Khan - P.I.A and Pakistan's ace goalkeeper - probably the only one in the world to have won all four top international championships - the Olympics, the World Cup, the Champions Trophy and the recently concluded Asia Cup!

And he still plays for the Pakistan Junior squad.

At 21, Shahid had had a great

deal of international experience thanks to some good planning by the Pakistan Hockey Federation.

The long list of tournaments as a junior and the senior team players makes you wonder if he does anything else in life

"I play cricket. I think playing hockey for Pakistan came as a total fluke. I should've been playing cricket for my country" he states

An interesting quirk of fate saw him as a goalkeeper in a school hockey match. Since the regular keeper had not turned up, Shahid being the adventurous all rounder donned the pads extremely successfully. His superb and effective kicking, diving, goal-stopping put him in a position to play for the Karachi zone team when he made his

debut at the National level in 1980

Since then he's never left the goal - except once

After the 5th Champions Trophy in Karachi in 1983, Pakistan played against an International XI for the Samiullah Benefit Fund. Handing over the goal to another player in the second half, Shahid took up the centre-forward position for Pakistan - and he scored three goals! 'With the help of Hanif Khan - of course,' he says proudly

A proud young man, Shahid recounts his best tournament to be the 5th Champions trophy in 1983. At the end of this tournament, in his home town of Karachi, he was honoured as the "Man of the tournament" probably the only time a goalkeeper has won such an award



Shahid anxiously awaits his turn during the controversial tie-breaker strokes session against Tatas. He managed to put PIA into the final of the Bombay Gold Cup with some magnificent but debatable saves

SHAHID ALI KHAN

I played at my best in that tournament and Pakistan won the Championship. Gen Zia personally congratulated me and that made me immensely happy.

So he very rightly must have been because only four goals were scored against in five matches quite an achievement for a 19 year old.

Shahid is seeded No. 9 in a rather large family of 11 children (8 brothers and 3 sisters) of a retired Chief Petty Officer in the Pakistan Navy.

But he hardly spends much time at home. Almost all year round he's either at a training camp or playing

in a tournament somewhere in the world.

Since he plays for both the junior and senior teams he doesn't find time to study.

A pre engineering student Shahid has no tall claims to being a scholar.

Employed with PIA as an Assistant Station Manager of Group 6 he doesn't have to fulfill any duty hours. My duty is to play hockey for PIA and Pakistan, says a very satisfied Shahid.

He's all praise for PIA and all the support that they give to their players – financial and otherwise.

Whenever they win there's a

bonus but if they lose. Oh it's not so bad – unless we lose to India. This was before the BHA Gold Cup grand final for 1985.

One wonders what happened to the team in Pakistan after a 1-4 defeat at the hands of India?

Shahid looked a bit dazed throughout the match and quite tired after it. You can't really blame him can you – if you had to face up to Zafar, Merwyn, Ashok Grewal and Gurucharan wanting to ram that white ball down your throat all at the same time? It is a shuddering thought to even be Ali Khan's spiderman outfit.

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The luck of the draw!

By Paul Fein

DOES RACIAL discrimination against blacks persist in American tennis?

Jim Smith, an affable and tireless promoter of affordable, or free, tennis in the Dorchester area of Boston and chairman of the Sportsmen's Tennis Club, believes it does. "I've had a good experience with officers of the New England Lawn Tennis Association, but there have been times when I haven't had good experiences with NELTA clubs," he told Davis Bushnell of *The Boston Globe*. "Let me give you an example: If I take three kids to a NELTA tournament and one gets a bye and the two others meet in the first round, don't tell me, it's the luck of the draw."

Marcus A. Freeman, Jr., editor-publisher of *Black Tennis*, made the same charge in a 1983 editorial sarcastically titled "Luck of the Draw...So You Say." Freeman claimed "There are many instances where blacks draw blacks in the first round of major tournaments. When someone asks why, there is a canned message given, 'luck of the draw.' It is a local joke among tennis officials that there won't be any blacks playing on Saturday and Sunday because they will eliminate each other on Friday night."

To remedy this dilemma, Freeman advocated increasing the public's awareness of the problem, protesting the draw, even to the point of filing a lawsuit against the tournament director or sponsoring organization, or withdrawing and demanding the refund of entry fees. He reasoned that this infuriating mistreatment is happening because "the mass influx (more than two million) of blacks who have entered the tennis arena has posed a threat to a sport that is noted for catering to the elite."

One who entirely disagrees with Freeman's point of view is Dr. W. Eugene Houston, president of the predominantly black American Tennis Association. "I have consistently pointed out at our Board meetings, that when a large contingent comes from any area, they are likely to meet as early as the first round unless all are seeded," he told me.

"Although I may be looking through rose-coloured glasses, I do not believe that deliberate efforts



Arthur Ashe...was racial discrimination prominent in his days?

are made to pit blacks against each other," said Dr. Houston. "It just

happens. I've seen it quite often in making draws during the last 20 years where club mates meet in the first round. They have gone all the way across (the) country from the East coast to the West coast. They resent it, but if there are too many there, it cannot be avoided."

Whether or not allegations of racial discrimination are justified – and I have no evidence to that effect – there is no doubt that blacks have made significant strides in sectional, national and international rankings. American blacks can proudly point to several young players with world rankings: Zina Garrison (No.9), who recently upset Chris Evert Lloyd and Hana Mandlikova at the WTA Championships, 1984 French Open semi-finalist Camille Benjamin (No.37), Lori McNeil (No.72), Chip Hooper (No.98), Todd Nelson (No.103), Lloyd Bourne (No.105) and Rodney Harmon (No.108).

The locker-room sensation

HOW DO YOU measure teenage greatness and charisma? Television tennis broadcaster Mary Carillo has her own method and only Gabriela Sabatini passes the test.

"Sabatini is the first player in a long time to clear out an entire locker room," points out an admiring Carillo, who won the 1977 French Open mixed doubles title with John McEnroe. "When she plays, she's so exciting, so good, that everyone comes out of the locker room to watch her. The last player to do that was John McEnroe. It's the ultimate compliment when your own peers want to check out your action."

Carillo had supported the ITF-WTA recommendation to restrict the number of pro events 14 and 15-year-old stars could play. Now, having seen "The Great Sabatini," she thinks it would be a shame to restrict the 14-year-old Argentinian in any way.

Another high tribute comes from Chris Evert Lloyd who beat Sabatini in the Family Circle Cup final recently after the ripening Latin beauty knocked off top-tenners Maleeva, Shriver and Garrison. "Gabby's so good at that age it's

embarrassing," says Chris. "Gabby has everything. I just hope she doesn't get overworked or lose her love for the game."

Easygoing coach Pato Apey has been sensibly guiding the prodigy. "There are two main things I stress where I don't want gains for any of my players – weight on the thighs and an expanded head," Apey told Bud Collins of *The Boston Globe*. "I think Gabby will be Ok."

Gold for an absurd judgement

AN EDITORIAL in *The New York Times* ridiculed the new, recommended Olympic Games eligibility ruling. "If there were a gold medal for absurd judgment, it would now be awarded to the International Olympic Committee. Its executive board has approved opening the 1988 Games to professional athletes. But only some professional athletes; only those who are 23 or younger, and only those who play ice hockey, soccer or tennis. That's bizarre. What rule of reason or nature makes a 23-year-old qualified and a 24-year-old not? Why young tennis pros, say, but not young track pros?"

Why shouldn't all sports be open to everyone?"

In the 1984 Games, the IOC made the colossal blunder of allowing 20-year-old or younger millionaire pros like Andrea Jaeger while ruling ineligible 21-year-old simon-pure amateurs. With the age limitation increased to 23 ITF President Philippe Chatner wrote in his March 29 newsletter that he welcomes the news of the Executive Committee's proposal and very much hopes it will be accepted as a step in the right direction.

If the IOC deems it unwise to make the Games open to all it should at least abolish age and sport distinctions. That would truly be a step in the right direction.

Trendy indoor complexes

MULTI-SPORTS indoor clubs, particularly in the Northeast and Midwest, are definitely the trend. What were once tennis-only clubs are continuing to add racquetball, swimming and physical fitness facilities according to the International Racquet Sports Association. Conversions are continuing not because tennis interest is fading but because tennis provides a club with revenues of \$8(Rs 102 approx) per square foot a year

while other (multi-purpose) facilities bring in \$25(Rs 322 approx) to \$30(Rs 381 approx) per square foot annually," reports Cathy Masterson of the IRSA.

One of the Northeast's oldest (1965) indoor clubs the Winchster (Massachusetts) Indoor Tennis Center site of the first Virginia Slims tournaments converted two of its 12 tennis courts to nine racquetball courts some time ago but it remains committed to tennis.

Mayotte—welcome contrast

AT A TIME when hero worship of athletes abounds and the often sullied sport of men's tennis produces more rebel stars than traditional heroes along comes Tim Mayotte. He's young handsome sexy has an impressive 6'3" and tall inches 180 pound physique and a formidable serve and volley power game. What makes him special however is his genial demeanor — a welcomed contrast to the

major contracts with Head Adidas and Marriott Hotels believes that nice guys and positive role models are increasingly attractive to corporate sponsors. From a marketing point of view I think companies will start looking for the decent image rather than the bad boy style that has been accented for so long said the articulate former Stanford University NCAA champion.

Mayotte is one of six players being seriously considered by captain Arthur Ashe for a berth on the U.S. Davis Cup team. The others are John McEnroe who so far has refused to sign the USTA's new code of conduct guidelines Aaron Krickstein Eliot Teltscher Jimmy Arias and Johan Kriek. What enhances Mayotte's chances is his outstanding record on fast courts.

Grass court gets the back seat

WHEN THE Australian Open switches to a synthetic surface in 1987 the Grand Slam will be left with grass at only fabled Wimbledon. Many players like 1960s Aussie great Roy Emerson and Brian Gottfried regret the trend away from grass.

It's sad to see the decline of the grass court tournaments remarked Emno who captured six Australian two U.S. and two Wimbledon singles titles all on grass. Tennis was great on grass. If you have a good grass court there's nothing better to play on," he told Jim Sarni of The Ft. Lauderdale News/Sun Sentinel.

Grass is becoming an outdated surface commented Gottfried who has become the touring pro for St. Andrews Country Club (in Boca Raton, Florida) which recently converted a croquet court into a grass tennis court. I don't know why. One tournament switches and then the others switch to conform. But as long as there is Wimbledon there will be grass court tennis.

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Where is the sportsmanship?

SOME WELL-known tournament players were denied official rankings for 1984 by the Northwestern Tennis Association (comprising the states of Minnesota North Dakota and South Dakota) because they were not members of the USTA Tennis Midwest upbraided the culprits in an editorial.

One of the beauties of tennis is the show of sportsmanship on court and here are some people who cheated the 5,000 dues-paying members of the NWTA by playing in sanctioned tournaments without paying their required membership fees. Membership fees (\$12 (Rs 145 approx) for adults) are very modest. You should be willing to contribute a few dollars in return for all the benefits you reap in terms of competition awards and notoriety.

To avoid embarrassment the editorial did not name the offenders.

Nothing succ like successeds

NOBODY ASKED me but I believe left-handed Martina Navratilova and right-handed Pam Shriver should not have switched sides of the court in doubles. The change exposes Pam's glaring weakness — her backhand — against strong wide serves in the ad court and also exposes Martina's slight weakness — her backhand the same way.

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Tim Mayotte Gentleman on and off the court

aloof Lendl the brash Connors and the argumentative McEnroe.

Mayotte has become a fan favorite in the U.S. Australia and especially England where the British press infuriated by McEnroe's wild antics dubbed him Gentleman Tim when he reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals in his 1981 debut.

Mayotte 24 from Springfield Massachusetts appreciates his popularity but understands that nicknames and labels simply go with the territory these days. I think it's a lot like pro wrestling he explained after he defeated Andres Gomez Mats Wilander and Joakim Nystrom at the WCT Finals.

I guess people need names. They like to put idealistic brands on people — Mac Attack or Ivan the Terrible. It's so similar to wrestling. They should just put ropes up and let it happen.

Nevertheless, Mayotte who has

BFI's latest brainwave: Part II

By Jimmy Mehta

THE SELECTION of the men's team involved an elaborate elimination process, culminating in a triple round-robin between the first four teams

Strangely though, the results of the round robin were not binding. The selectors were empowered to put down the winner and nominate any other team, including the one finishing last, as the official Indian team

They were empowered to reshuffle teams and change pairs ad lib

what then, was the idea of the play-off? The idea, we are told, was to give the selectors a happy hunting ground

They could watch the players in action and adjudge performances. In practice, they did not even do this but preferred to operate by remote control. They had willing ears and some confused hand records but little time

The Nagpur finalists were Davenport (late Bhowanipur) Tolani, Poysha and Vishy's team

Dr Tolani came out openly during the trials with a declaration that if his team finished on top and was offered representation, he would field it intact or not at all

The other teams felt the same way but preferred discretion to valour. One has little doubt that if Tolani had won, the selectors would not have dared tinker with him

But Tolani, after leading all the way, knuckled under, in the last stride to Davenport and thereby hangs a tale

Davenport consisted of 'G' Singha (captain), Sudhir Ganguly, Kamal Mukherjee, Santanu Ghose, Kamal Roy & Dilip Ghose. The last mentioned was a new recruit

Majority

The selectors decided by a majority of two to one, V Phadke dissenting, to throw out Davenport's captain Govind Singha and the new recruit Dilip Ghosh. One of the factors overlooked by this decision was that it broke up of some regular Davenport formations Ganguly/Singha for instance

Be that as it may, if the replacement had been really outstanding one might have been able to stomach it. There was no outstanding replacement to be had and no case for replacement at all

The replacement chosen was Rajesh Dalal and Jaggi Shrivdasani, certainly one of the best pairs in the country, but not necessarily better than Davenport's pairs. Moreover, the Rajesh and Jaggy Nagpur form was less than heartening. Here is an example

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S (Rajesh)

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Result: Minus one.

"7 clubs" is cold as you can see and it was duly bid by their opponents Shah and Kripakaran, for a shattering swing

to be concluded

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GOOD NEWS, FELLAS.. WE'LL HAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AFTER ALL.. THE BAD NEWS IS HE'S PHONING IT IN FROM ARGENTINA..

Wells toes the doctors line

BRITISH sprint star Allan Wells has had to abandon starter's orders on doctor's orders

Wells had had an operation on the big toe of his left foot in February and was expected to be back in training now. But an infection has set in recently to thwart his plans

"It all stems back to the Los Angeles Olympics," said Wells, 100 and 200 metres medalist in Moscow. "I wore pads in my spikes to put me on to my toes. The result was sore feet and stiffening of the toe joints. Wells, 34, who had a similar problem with his right foot 13 years ago knew that an operation was inevitable. In some ways I am quite happy," he says, "because this has given me my longest break in nearly 10 years. But I am looking forward to next year's European Games."

Meanwhile Zoe, Wells' three month old daughter is helping him take his mind off that toe.

DALEY Thompson, the greatest athlete in the world, added another string to his talented bow recently when he launched his new active leisure magazine of which he is executive editor. Daley, showing remarkable good sense, has named his magazine Sportscope

County pranksters

THE pranksters are already in evidence in the new English County cricket season - as usual - with Essex well to the fore. When they were playing Cambridge at Cambridge, someone changed an 'L' to an 'R' to make a pavilion notice read: "Reserved for prayers"

Paris in a revolutionary mood

PARISIANS promoting their city for the 1992 Olympics are in a revolutionary mood and ready to put IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch into the tumbrels. They claim he is favouring London after he had allegedly told the British Olympic Association that it need not make its belated bid for the Games at the IOC meeting in June.

Paris, which already has a main stadium, Olympic swimming pool,

village and press centre settled, planned to transport models of its sites to the IOC meeting in Berlin after they had been on display in the city

So well prepared are the French that they had already estimated it would take two weeks to move their models from Paris to Berlin, starting even before the BOA is due to consider whether or not its major rival, London, can make a viable bid

Chris-greatest in 25 years

CHRIS Evert-Lloyd was named the greatest American athlete of the last 25 years at a ceremony in California recently. In a public poll conducted by the Women's Sports Foundation, Evert-Lloyd received 32 per cent of the votes to be ahead of



Martina Navratilova. The other finalists were veteran Billie Jean King and athletes Wilma Rudolph and Mary Decker-Slaney

Evert-Lloyd, 30, has won 135 tournaments since 1970, including 16 grand slam titles. She won the U.S. open six times and Wimbledon thrice

ACB to take legal action

THE Australian Cricket Board is taking legal action to try to

scupper the forthcoming rebel tour of South Africa. As Allan Border's team arrived in England refusing to comment on the South African venture which has cost them five players, Board chairman Fred Bennett was issuing a statement in Sydney.

It said: "Proceedings will be issued against Bruce Francis, the tour organiser, and the South African Cricket Union for inducing players to break their contracts with the Board and against players to restrain them from taking part in the South African tour."

Border calls for help

ALLAN Border, Australia's captain, has called Bobby Simpson, arguably the greatest slip catcher of all time to help him defend the Ashes.



Border admits that their fielding against the West Indies during the winter was not up to the standard expected of an Australian side. And he was quick to adopt a new training routine recommended by Simpson when the Aussies had the first work out of their England tour in the Lord's nets

"We dropped something like 50 catches against West Indies which probably cost us the series," said Border, "and I just could not find a reason"

"At the start we were dropping a lot in the slips but in the end they were going down everywhere. Their batsmen knew they were safe if they hit the ball in the air."

"It was not as though we didn't work at it, so I talked to Simpson who had been responsible for making New South Wales the best fielding side in Australia," said Border

Davis grin can't hide pain

By David Emery

THERE was not a microphone nor a David Vine in sight as Steve Davis quietly got round to answering the questions which had hung so heavily in the air.

"How do you feel?" Vine had demanded to know in front of TV's entranced millions some 60 seconds after the stricken Davis had seen Dennis Taylor pick-pocket his world snooker title.

The replies, while a master-piece of monosyllables, did nothing for Davis' image as the kind of hale and hearty good loser Englishmen imagine their heroes should be.

"How did I feel?" echoed Davis as he sat back in Southend's Cliff's Pavilion. "So few people can understand, and that's honestly not being big-headed.

"You have to commit yourself entirely - time, effort, heart - to chase a dream and then see it fail, to know how I felt.

"The ...hardest thing I've had to do in my life was get out of that chair and try to chat with David Vine. Sheer murder.

"At smaller tournaments I've been able to put on a front when I've lost. But not in the final of the world championship. It was far too important.

"I know what people are saying about my reaction and I can understand it. But all I wanted to do was stay sitting in that chair. Looking back I was in a state of shock that lasted for almost an hour."

Davis' homecoming - a pool challenge against American star Jim Rempe - had been intended as a gentle mickey take by Davis' manager Barry Hearn.



Dennis Taylor... the rank outsider who toppled world champ Steve Davis

"I expected him to be world champion and thought it would do him good to lose," said Hearn.

Lose Davis did, and comprehensively to the talented Rempe. But there was still therapeutic benefits as the 1,000 crowd, paying £6 or £8 each to watch Davis play pool as well as Joe Frazier swims, roared their affection.

Davis did his best to accommodate them, clowning about and even managing a semblance of a grin when someone yelled wickedly - "Cut the black in Steve."

"Yes, it was a really nice reception," he agreed afterwards. "But I don't care if I have sympathy or not. My job is only to get back there and win.

"I'm looking forward to next year already. There's no question of me easing up or cutting down on practice. Why should I? I enjoy it so

"This game toughenes you up. Maybe I was too soft in the final this time. Next year I'll be harder."

Davis and Hearn realise such an attitude is alien to many. "Terry Lawless rang me to commiserate," said Hearn.

"I'd done the same when Frank Bruno lost to the Bonecrusher. Terry's one of the few who understand a champion's mentality."

Says Davis: "You get only one winner at anything, so by necessity the majority of people are losers. They associate with them and love them - and shy away from the likes of me.

"John McEnroe is similar. When he lost to Borg at Wimbledon he was an absolute picture of misery. That was his world championship. Other player like Ken Rosewall (a three-times loser in the Wimbledon final) may receive the sympathy - but ask them what they would rather have."

Davis' ordeal in Sheffield's Crucible was minutely examined by TV's unblinking gaze. Like Russian roulette, snooker has no escape in physical action. The loser just sits and suffers.

"I've no complaints about that," said Davis. "I'm paid fortunes take the pressure not to be wrapped in cotton wool.

"I'm sure the final made phenomenal TV and the closeups of me looking completely gutted brought it home to viewers, who too often watch for the skill of the game, but not for the heart.

"It's just unfortunate for me that David Vine and his microphone needed to talk to me at the worst possible moment. It's the price we have to pay."

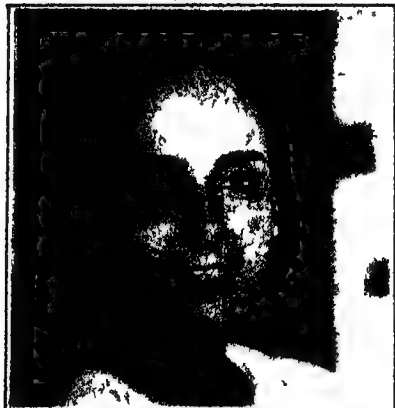
The telephones in Hearn's Romford office have rung incessantly all week. "Well wishers and weeping women," said Hearn. "I've told them all - don't worry love, we've cut him down now and the crows have stopped pecking."

Davis smiled wryly. "Terry Griffiths told me once that there was a savage beauty in losing. I didn't understand what he meant. Now I do. I've learned something valuable."

Indian women hope to do well

NONITA LALL, Shiraz Shaheed and Ranjeet Grewal, the top three women golfers in the country leave for Kuala Lumpur to participate in the Queen's Sirkit Cup women's golf championship to be held there. The team will be managed by Anjani Desai, former national champion and convenor of the ladies' section of the Indian Golf Union.

Golf is a neglected sport in the country. More so where the women are concerned. The socio-economic structure of Indian society probably acts as a severe constraint. Women are expected to play a 'shadow' role in life. And then golf is not everybody's cup of tea. Not many people can afford to gain entry into the clubs. The equipment is also expensive.



Ranjeet Grewal... can be expected to hold fort and deliver the goods

Nevertheless, it is a happy augury that the government too has shed its inhibitions and is promoting the sport to some extent. The team for the Sirkit Cup was cleared a month in advance much to the delight of the participants and the manager.

Eleven countries are expected to participate in the tournament, which is the biggest golf event for women in Asia. India's best performance in this tournament so far has been the fifth position attained in the inaugural year at Bangkok in 1979. This year they hope to do better.

"We should finish fourth overall, and probably the first amongst the Asian countries. We can then try for the top position next year, when the tournament will be held at Delhi," said Anjani Desai.

The team had assembled in Bombay for a 10-day training camp at

the Bombay Presidency Golf Club, Chembur in preparation for the event which is to be a 54-hole one. The two best courses for the day and the six best over three days will determine the winning team.

The Indian challenge is led by the two young and effusive ladies, Nonita Lall and Shiraz Shaheed and the graceful, reserved Ranjeet Grewal, who is 38 and has, in the words of Anjani Desai, "had quite a meteoric rise" in the game.

Nonita is the reigning National champion and Shaheed and Grewal are both former champions, so the choice of players for the tournament could not have been better. In any case these three were selected on the basis of their performances in the Nationals, the Billoo Sethi Cup tournament and three zonal



Shiraz Shaheed... the most stylish and versatile of the three

tournaments for which each participant was awarded points.

Nonita has been playing golf for five years now. Five years of serious golf as she put it. She picked up the sport from her father who is a keen golfer.

She has won the Hong Kong Open once. "She has a lot of potential and is working very hard at her game," said Anjani Desai.

Her best performance has been 1 over in the Northern India tournament. Nonita does not intend turning pro ever, but will remain an amateur.

She is a 4-handicap golfer now and her biggest ambition is to bring that down to scratch.

Shiraz Shaheed, who is the same age as Nonita and her colleague from the Delhi Golf Club, is reputed to be the most stylish and versatile of the three. She started playing

golf seven years back and has played in the Nationals five times. For two years she was away in Nigeria where she claims she got a lot of exposure but the courses were not good.

Shaheed won the National title in 1984 but lost in the quarters in '85. "The burden of being National champion told on her," quipped Desai but Shaheed was quick to refute the suggestion. Her best round is 3 over in the Western India Championship and as Desai put it, "both Nonita and Shiraz have the potential and the talent to carry us forward."

Ranjeet Grewal is really an extraordinary case. An irregular golfer for more than 12 years, she took seriously to golf only in 1981. She has not looked back since then.



Nonita Lall... the reigning national champion

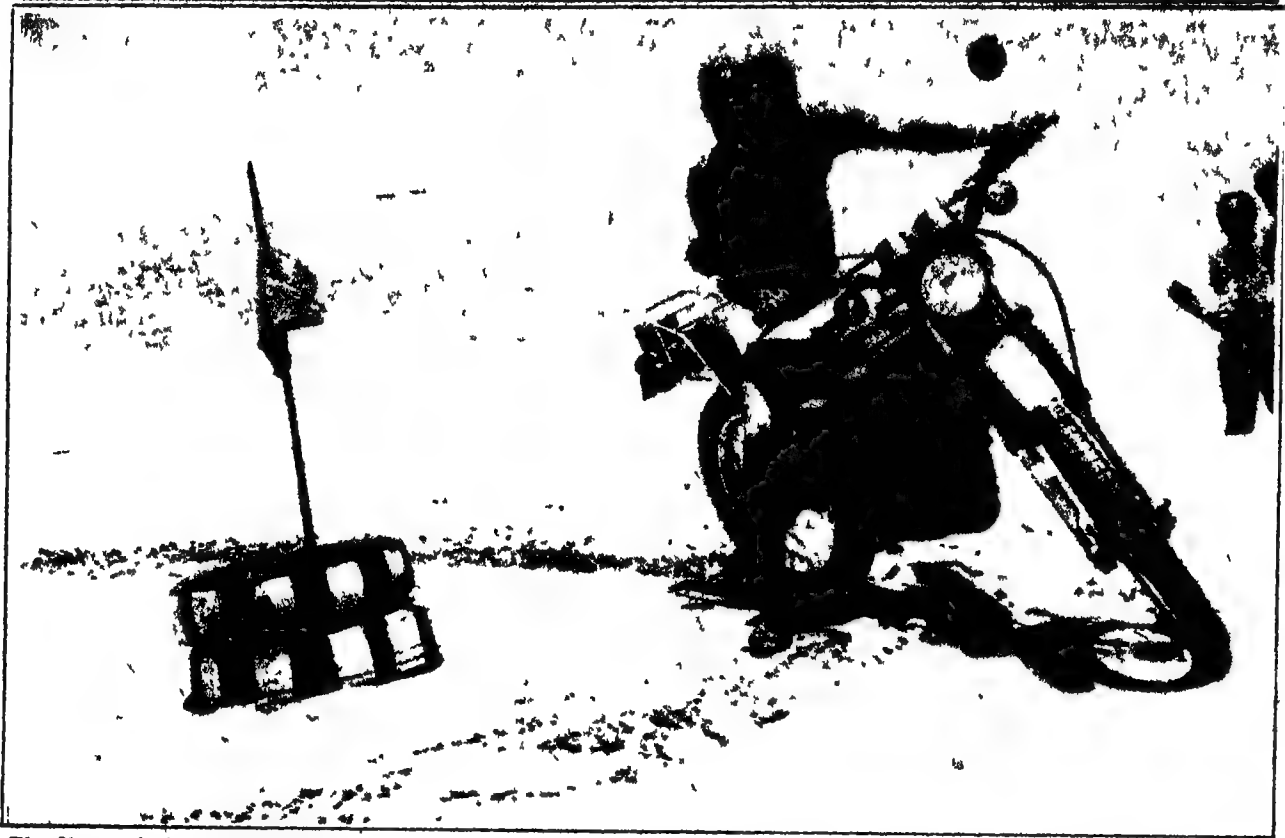
winning the National title in 1982. At 38, she is now representing India which is commendable.

"The others may have more potential, but Ranjeet is the steadier golfer," said Desai, implying that if either Shaheed or Nonita have an off day, Ranjeet could be expected to hold fort and deliver the goods. Ranjeet hails from Ludhiana and her best round is 2 over in the Billoo Sethi Tournament at Calcutta.

These three under the stewardship of Anjani Desai thus lead Indian hopes in the Sirkit Cup. Their performances will be watched with interest, for a good showing now would provide the necessary filip to a sport which is one of the biggest in the world, but which unfortunately remains uncared for in India. More important, their success would encourage women in all sporting disciplines in the country.

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AROUND THE COUNTRY



The Karavali Automotive Sports Club Mangalore held a radically different motor sport late last month at the Summer Sands Beach - Surf Track Motor Race, the first time in the country 42 two-wheelers and 10 cars participated on the hard-packed sand along the spray-washed beaches. Hore Vivian Lobo, winner of the Open class for imported vehicles takes a turn on his Yamaha



Manohar Topno of the Services receives the trophy for the Best Services Sportsman of the Year from General A.S. Vaidya, Chief of Army Staff. Topno is a Services hockey back and a current Olympian

Could have been better

SASHIPAL SINGH GARCHA is a nondescript person. The small humpsits incongruously on his lean languid frame. But the transformation that takes place once he is on his yezeri is to be seen to be believed.

He roared over and above the Brabourne Stadium circuit in last week's Bombay Moto Cross meet and won the Class C for bikes upto 260cc in utmost ease.

But the 30-year-old last-year-married man from Chandigarh who has been participating this year under the Poona Automotive Racing Association banner had a serious spill in the open class, when coming round the narrow bend and over the small hump he crashed into a participant whose bike lay sprawled onto the circuit in the first moto.

Ajay Bafna, the ultimate winner of the open class came from behind and won the first and the second moto with a lap timing of 1.53 seconds with ease on his water-cooled Yamaha YZ Garcha would have given Ajay a gold run for his money in this class had his luck not run out on him.

The Deshpandé brothers from



Ajay Bafna...winner of the Open Class

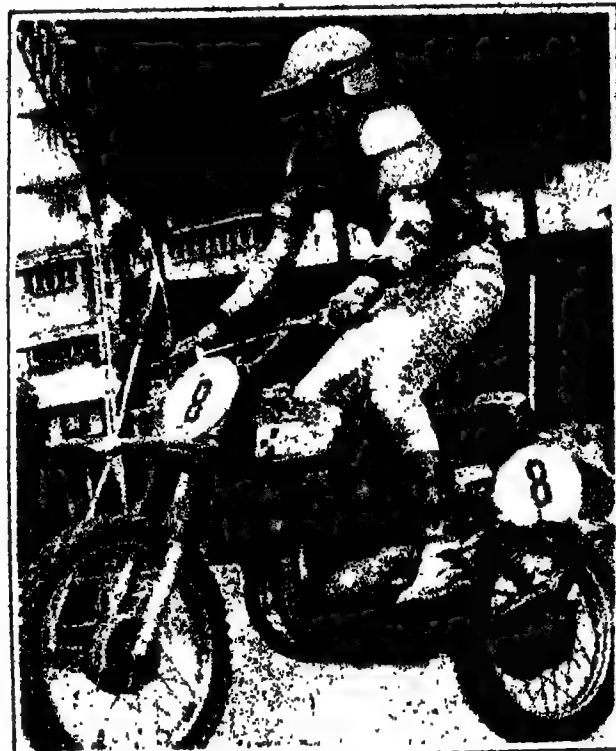
Nasik, shared the same number of points in the 100 to 185cc class, but elder brother Rajesh claimed

the first spot on the strength of his posting a better lap timing.

DAVID D'SOUZA



Rajesh Deshpandé...



Sashipal Singh Garcha... winner of the Class C event

Pic: Gopal Shetty

By Tracy

By Busybee

ONE of the problems that large industrial organisations like Union and others are facing is what to do with all the Test cricketers they employ when they are not playing cricket

The personnel officer of one of these organisations was talking to me. It is a good idea having all these cricketers on your staff. Most of the time they are playing cricket so we do not have to bother about them. It is only during the off season as we are giving now that the problem arises. We have to find work for them.

Must be tough, I said.

You are telling me! said the official. How do you fit in an employee who is playing cricket ten months of the year and then suddenly comes to the office every morning for two months. What kind of work can we give him to do for only two months?

I see you have a problem, I said.

"It is much more serious than people think," the official said. "If it was just one cricketer who turns up at the office we could possibly put him in some quiet corner and let him spend his time playing with paper clips. But the trouble is we have got so many cricketers on our staff and they all come here together at the end of the playing season. We do not have enough corners to hide them in."

Sad, I said.

Yes, said the official. It is very demoralising on our cricketing staff. I mean suddenly they are made to realise they have not been employed and given salaries of Rs 5,000 and dearness allowance because of their work but only because they play cricket.

I know it could be quite traumatic especially if the cricketer is sensitive, I said.

They all are, the officer said. We have been recommending to the Board that the cricket season should be extended over the entire year then we will not have this problem. But every time the matter

comes up before the Board's executive committee, some member or the other negates the proposal saying that there is already too much of cricket and the public is getting bored with it. You will agree it is a stupid argument. What has the public got to do with what is purely an office problem?

Agreed, I said. You couldn't give your cricket playing employees leave for the two months they are not playing cricket could you, so that they do not have to attend office?

One month's leave we can give but two months is not allowed under the company rules, you know that, the official said. We do encourage them to take casual leave.

It is a bit of a mess, I said. I suppose the only thing you can do is find more desks and let them sit on them.

That is the least part of our problem, the personnel officer said. All these cricketer employees come with their prize Marutis and Audis and there is no place outside to park them.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

From p. 44

From father to daughter

IF PERT Carling Bassett strikes people as being feisty and strong-willed, she probably acquired the traits from her millionaire sports entrepreneur father John. The maverick owner of the Tampa Bay (Florida) Bandits shocked everyone by announcing his team refused to



Carling Bassett with Mother Susan

join the United States Football League's planned move from a spring to a fall schedule. Columnist Larry Felser of *The Sporting News*

called Bassett the Martin Luther of professional football. Now it appears that the independent-minded Bassett is on the verge of winning his campaign to reinstate the spring schedule. In a candid interview with Mitch Albom of *The Ft. Lauderdale News/Sun-Sentinel*, Carling Bassett, who models professionally and starred in a movie called *Spring Fever*, said she didn't think she was pretty! "No, I'm average," Carling also revealed that she doesn't have a boyfriend. "I'm in a slump," she giggled.

The one that got away

PETER BURWASH, who heads an organization with 120 pros teaching at 63 sites throughout the world, recalls a harrowing experience he had in Vietnam, where he entertained with the Bob Hope tour on five occasions. On one visit into the country's interior, Burwash was flown in aboard a helicopter during the darkness of night. Enroute, he and the soldiers began hitting tennis balls inside the large cargo cabin. "I was the only one dropped off," recounts Burwash. "The copter took off and got to the end of the runway, and exploded. All 37 aboard died." Burwash says that experience and others made him realize how lucky he is to be alive.

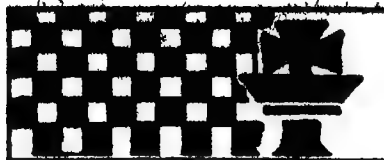
Tracy is happier now

TRACY AUSTIN, who says she is much happier now, doesn't feel her teenage tennis career cheated her out of a "normal" adolescence. I may have missed out on a different kind of growing up, but you have to make choices. I chose tennis and I loved every minute of it. Maybe it's other people who have missed out travelling the world and meeting queens and presidents, she told Linda Pentz of *Tennis Week*...

ACTOR RYAN O'Neal said his daughter Tatum and John McEnroe were "very serious" and were watching O'Neal and girlfriend Farrah Fawcett for cues on whether to marry, according to the *Dallas Times Herald*...

Stanford again

DAVID SIEGLER dropped out of Stanford University to join the pro tour, where he had limited success. Now he's dropped off the pro tour to enroll again at Stanford determined to complete his education. Why? "It's 100 per cent greater on the tour when things are great," explained the good-natured, 23-year-old former national (12-and-under) junior champion from Hidden Hills, California. "And it's 100 per cent worse when things are bad..."



CHESS

By R.B. Sapre

THE DUTCH GRAND Master Jan Timman won the 1985 Wijk-aan-Zee (Holland) Tournament with 9 points out of 13 in a very strong field

According to the latest rating Timman holds 3rd place in the world behind Karpov and Kasparov and this victory ahead of GMs Korchnoy, Belyavsky, Nunn and Portish, confirms his position. Belyavsky (USSR) and Nunn (England) took the 2nd-3rd places with 8 points each

The Bulgarian youngster Kiril Georgiev was 4th with 7 1/2, GM Portish (Hungary) 5th with 7 and GMs Korchnoy (Switz), Lobron (W Ger), Romanishin (USSR) and Hans Ree (Neth) tied with 6 1/2 for 6-9 places

VAN DER WIEL - TIMMAN

1 e4, e5 2 Nf3, Nc6 3 Nc3, Nf6 4 Be2, d5 5 exd5, Nxd5 6 O-O, Nxc3 7 bxc3, Bd6 8 d4, O-O 9 Rb1, h6 10 dxe5?, Nxe5 11 Nxe5, Bxe5 12 Ba3, Re8 13 Bf3, Qh4! 14 g3, Qa4 15 Qc1 Bxc3 16 Bxb7, Bh3! 17 Bb2, Bxb2 18 Rxb2, Rad8 19 Bg2, Bxg2 20 Kxg2, Re2 21 c3, Rde8 22 Rd2, a5 23 Qb2, Qc6ch

24 Kg1, Qc4 25 a3?, Re1! 26 Rxe1, Rxe1ch 27 Kg2, Qf1ch 28 Kf3, Qh1ch 29 Kg4, f5ch 30 Kh3, Qf1ch, 0-1.

4 Be2) Four Knights' game. The more aggressive book variations are 4 d4, 4 Bc4; and 4, Bb5. The quiet text move practically relinquishes the initiative of White's first move

10 dxe5?) This move increases Black's advantage in space and development. Better would be 10 Bd3, f5 (or 10... Re8 11 Re1) 11 dxe5, Nxe5 12 Nxe5, Bxe5 13 c4

13 Bf3) 13 Qxd8 would leave White with a bad end game because of his shattered Queen side Pawns

16 Bh3!) Energetic play with alternative threats on both flanks. 16 Bxa8, Rxa8 would make the White dangerously vulnerable to a mate threat on g2. White's greatest handicap is that he cannot oppose Rooks on e1, and a Black Rook entry to e2 is inevitable

21 c3) 21 Re1? is not possible because of 21 Qe4ch

23 Qb2) 23 Rxe2 would eventually lose the a-Pawn

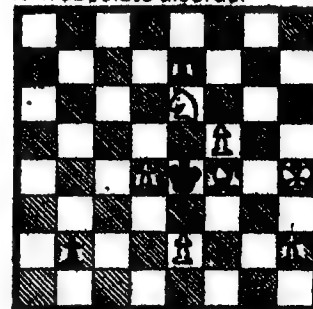
25 a3?) Losing quickly to a mat-

ing attack. The best course was 25 Rxe2 Rxe2 26 Qb3

BELYAVSKY - NUNN

1 d4, Nf6 2 c4, g6 3 Nc3, Bg7 4 e4, d6 5 f3, O-O 6 Be3, Nbd7 7 Qd2, c5 8 d5 (King's Indian, Saemisch. 8 Nge2 is preferred) 8... Ne5 ('Kurs Dyebutov continues 8... Re8 9 Nh3, a6 10 Nf2, e6) 9 h3, Nh5! 10 Bf2, f5 11 exf5, Rxf5! 12 g4? Rxf3! 13 gxf5, Qf8 14 Ne4, Bh6 15 Qc2, Qf4! 16 Ne2, Rxf2! 17 Nxf2, Nf3ch 18 Kd1, Qh4 19 Nd3, Bf5 20 Nec1, Nd2! 21 hxg6, hxg6 22 Bg2, Nxc4 23 Qf2, Ne3ch 24 Ke2, Qc4 25 Bf3, Rf8 26 Rg1, Nc2 27 Kd1, Bxd3! 0-1

A brilliant game. In effect Black sacrifices a Rook to put White's game in absolute disorder



White to play and win



BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

AKJ973
KQJ87
52
nil

The opening lead was a trump and I paused to take stock. There were 12 tricks in sight and chances galore for one more club could be four-four or the knave could come down or West could have a double nine. There were squeeze possibilities too, basically revolving round clubs and three or more spades being in the same hand

I dare say, the percentages for all this would be pretty good. Would some one care to work them out please? Avinash Gokhale? Santanu Ghosh? I opted for the simple line. Call it laziness, call it hind-sight, intuition or what you will. I drew a second trump and when everybody followed I closed my eyes and played off ace and king of spades. When I opened my eyes a sulky queen of diamonds was wedded to my spade king. The rest was routine. A low club ruffed in hand, the third trump drawn and I had 13 lovely tricks

This was the full hand

64
A53
AK3
AKQ108
Q1085 N 2
10,62 W E 94
764 S QJ1098
432 J9785
AKJ973
KQJ87
52
nil

Nothing else would have worked

In the other room Bhagwan Shivdasani in my shoes drew trumps, miscounted his tricks and claimed! One off! He was not sorry when he saw the lay-out because he said that the hand would have to be played on clubs and would have to go down

They said my line was inferior. Perhaps it was but I had a feeling in my bones that it would work. Please Santanu, Airmash work out the relative percentages

We gained 20 I M P s on this deal and just squeezed out the national champions. The final margin was nineteen

64
A53
AK3
AKQ108
N
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PEN FRIENDS CORNER

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Reading, athletics photography
coins

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Diu-362520
Union Territory of Goa Diu and
Daman
Philately, sports, posters

Nandita Kanwar, 12
D2/303 Jumbo Darshan
Koldonari Rd

WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

- 1 How many times has Gavaskar completed 1000 runs in a calendar year in Tests and when?
- 2 In which year was the first Test match played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground?
- 3 Who is the 100th player to play in Tests for Pakistan?
- 4 Who was the first batsman to hit two centuries in the same Test?
- 5 Who was Bob Willis 300th Test victim?
- 6 Who captained the Indian hockey team at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics?
- 7 What was the venue of the 1930 Rangaswamy Cup National Hockey tournament?
- 8 Who did Bjorn Borg beat to win the 1976 Wimbledon Tennis title?
- 9 Which trophy is awarded to the winners of the national title in badminton?
- 10 When was basketball first introduced in the Olympics and who won it?
- 11 Where were the 1975 National Kabaddi Championship held?

ANSWERS

1 Four times, 1976, 78, 79 and 83 2 15th March, 1877 3 Mohsin Kamal 4 Warren Bardsley, Australia, 1909 5 Jeff Crowe, New Zealand 6 Charanjith Singh, Punjab 7 Lahore 8 I Nastase, Rumania 9 Rahimtoola Cup 10 1936, USA 11 Jamshedpur

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Stamps, music, correspon-
dence, swimming

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Solving quizzes puzzles

Bashir, 22
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Skiing, rock-climbing, hiking,
badminton

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Amritsar-143001
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16-7-21 Asampura
Hyderabad-500024
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Gwalior-474002
Cricket, reading

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Bapur Nagar
Jaipur-302015
Travelling, cricket, ghazals

Syed Waseemuddin, 16
104, A Class
16-7-12 Azampura
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Cricket, stamps, motorcycle rid-
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Andhra Pradesh-502329
Penpals

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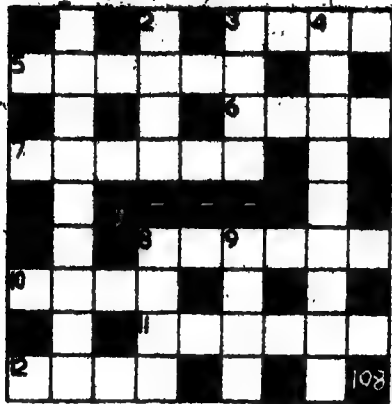
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Cricket, movies, music

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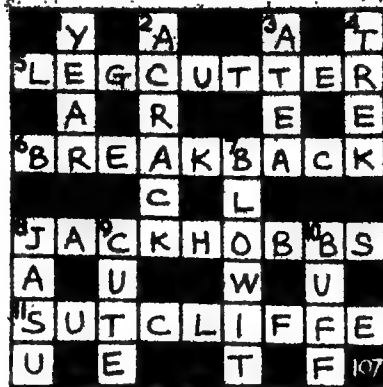
ACROSS

- 3 The thing about which Kapil does not believe in beating (4)
 5 If it's his --, trust Kapil to try only onside shots! (3 3)
 6 Where to study Evons hundred? (4)

- 7 Sandeep Patil went out of Test Cricket playing - even when down! (6)
 8 What Gavaskar first wanted to do under Kapil Dev, then under his own captaincy! (2 4)
 10 Not prepared to hit? Well, the situation is hopeless (2 2)
 11 Kind of uproar "How's that?" is (6)
 12 Titmus if English, Freer if Australian (4)

DOWN

- 1 Patrick Eagar is certainly not -- when photographing in black and white! (3 6)
 2 Lock and Laker in England, Prasanna and Bedi in India (1 3)
 3 Barrington, yes, not runs hit (4)



- 4 Trust Kapil to make -- of a long-hop (5 4)
 8 Commendable for dog rising to swallow ball? (4)
 9 The Calendar Girl could well be Imran Khan's -! (4)

QUESTION BOX

Q. HAS ANY BATSMAN scored a double century in both the innings of a Test?

-Shravan Mishra, Lucknow.

A. No

WHAT ARE the best bowling figures of Chandra, Bedi, Prasanna and Venkat in an Test innings?

-Rianish Pustode, Chandrapur

A. THE best bowling figures of the above mentioned cricketers are as follows - Chandra-8-79, Bedi-7-98, Prasanna-8-76, Venkat-8-72.

Q. WHAT IS the Test record of Hemu Adhikari and S.A. Banerjee?

-Shyam Sunder. S. Madras.

A. HEMU ADHIKARI has played 21 Tests, 36 innings, 8 times not out, 872 runs, 114 not out, 1 century, and at an average of 31.14 He has also taken 3 wkts. **S.A. Banerjee** has played 1 Test, 1 innings, and failed to score any runs. He took 5 wkts at an average of 36.20

Q. DID DON BRADMAN score

300 runs in a day in a Test match, if so, in which Test, against whom and when?

-B.N. Chhaya, Santacruz (W), Bombay.

A. YES DON BRADMAN scored 300 runs in a day's play in the 3rd Test against England at Leeds, in 1930

Q. WHO HAS SCORED the maximum number of first class centuries in cricket?

-Premananda Sahu, Talcher, Orissa

A. SIR JACK HOBBS of England heads the list with 197 centuries to his credit

Q. WHAT IS the birth date of Ravi Shastri?

-Namita Malliya, Andheri (W), Bombay

A. 25TH MAY, 1962

Q. WHAT IS the highest score of an Australian batsman in Test cricket and when did he make it?

-Abhay Deshpande, Setiore, (MP).

A. 334, IS THE highest score by an Australian batsman in Test cricket It was scored by Sir Don Bradman in the 3rd Test against England in 1930 in a single day

Q. WHO IS the best opening batsman of India from the following- Gaekwad, Shastri, Arunlal and Shrikant?

-Kaushik Majumdar, Ranchi.

A. UNDOUBTEDLY Ravi Shastri is best opening batsman that India has today

Q. HOW MANY fifties has Greg Chappell scored in Tests?

-Ravindra Kirtane, Pune.

A. GREG CHAPPELL has scored 31 fifties in Tests

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





MAILBAG

Treat for fans

THE 30th Bombay Gold Cup hockey tournament this year was a treat for hockey fans. The standard of hockey was surprisingly high which is a good omen for the future. There was very little bickering by the big teams and very little rough play, unlike in the past.

The final between PIA and IA may have been disappointing for those who were anticipating a keen battle like the one witnessed in the Aga Khan final two years ago. But this time Indian Airlines were streets ahead and the result was testimony to their domination.

It was a very good idea to invite the Pakistan International Airways team. They are a very good side and playing against them will obviously benefit our youngsters. Perhaps in the future we can invite more foreign teams to participate in our domestic tournaments.

—Sadashiv Surve,
(Bombay-34).

Shot from the blue

THE FIH's decision to ban six Indian hockey players after the Asia Cup in Dhaka has come like a shot from the blue. It is a crippling blow for Indian hockey for the six players named are the best in the country.

The FIH's decision seems hasty and prejudiced. They could have sent the IHF prior intimation about this matter so that the IHF representatives could have gone and pleaded the Indian players' case. Now, with one arbitrary stroke, Indian hockey has been orphaned.

The IHF should move immediately to save the necks of the players concerned. There is nothing that a little persuasion cannot achieve. It will be recalled that the entire Pakistan team was banned for life after their unsportsmanlike show of disrespect at the Munich Olympics. This ban was reduced after the Pakistan authorities pleaded the case of their players. There is no reason why the Indian authorities cannot do the same.

Merwyn Rodrigues,
(Malad, Bombay-64).

THERE is little doubt that the Indian players behaved like a bunch of hooligans in the Asia Cup hockey final at Dhaka or else the FIH would not have been con-

strained to take the stringent action of suspending six players. But the people who are really at fault are the IHF officials.

The manager of the Indian team to Dhaka should have submitted a report to the IHF immediately after returning from Dhaka about the players' misbehaviour. The IHF should in turn then have taken the appropriate action against the players concerned and also sound-ed out the FIH about it. This would have assuaged matters in the parent body and the officials therein would not have had to take such drastic action.

John Alphonso,
(Mapusa, Goa)

Unthinkable

I disagree with Jack Bannister's contention that an England side without Botham is not unthinkable (SW May 1-7). Ian Botham has been England's outstanding performer for more than eight years now. His achievements are legendary. More often than not he has been the only matchwinner for his side.

England may have won the series against India last season, but that was primarily due to the fact that the Indian players were uninspired and only interested in fighting amongst themselves. Had the Indian team put up a concerted effort, the series would never have been lost. And people like Jack Bannister would then have said that had Botham assisted England, the results would have been different!

—Nathe Singh,
(Garwhal).

Foolish statement

ABDUL Qadir in his interview (SW May 1-7) defends himself very foolishly in the much publicised Wellington incident. I quote him: "...I was fielding in the covers. Rameez bowled and middle-order batsman Armstrong played it towards me. I deliberately allowed the ball to go past me. But the idea was to play up to the spectators, many of whom were leaving the stadium. I wanted to provide some cheer to the dull proceedings..."

Who are you fooling Mr. Qadir? Can a deliberate misfield provide any cheer to spectators? Are spectators such imbeciles that they would be regaled by such blatant disregard of cricketing norms?

The truth is that Qadir obviously wanted to rub Zaheer the wrong way. By providing players like Qadir

a platform to air their puerile views and defend themselves. Sports-week is doing a great disservice to a noble game like cricket.

—Manjula Parikh,
(Ahmedabad-42).

Stern measures

THE Australian Cricket Board should take the sternest measures to prevent a rebel Australian team from touring South Africa. The lure of the Krugerand is assuming cancerous proportions and if not nipped in the bud now, will spell finis to all sporting activities in the world.

When the entire world, including the developed countries are fighting for human rights, it is shameful that a few misled people should undo all the good work done by activists against racism. As far as South Africa is concerned unless they revoke their constitutional clause condoning racial discrimination, they should be left in isolation and no sporting links established with them.

—Mayank Desai
(Middlesex, London).

Serial superb

THE first extract from Lillie's book, 'Over and Out!' was superb. Lillie has been the outstanding bowler of our time and his views are worth reading. I don't think many people will disagree with his contention that Viv Richards is the best modern batsman.

—Arif Taiyab,
(Bombay-9)

Biased views

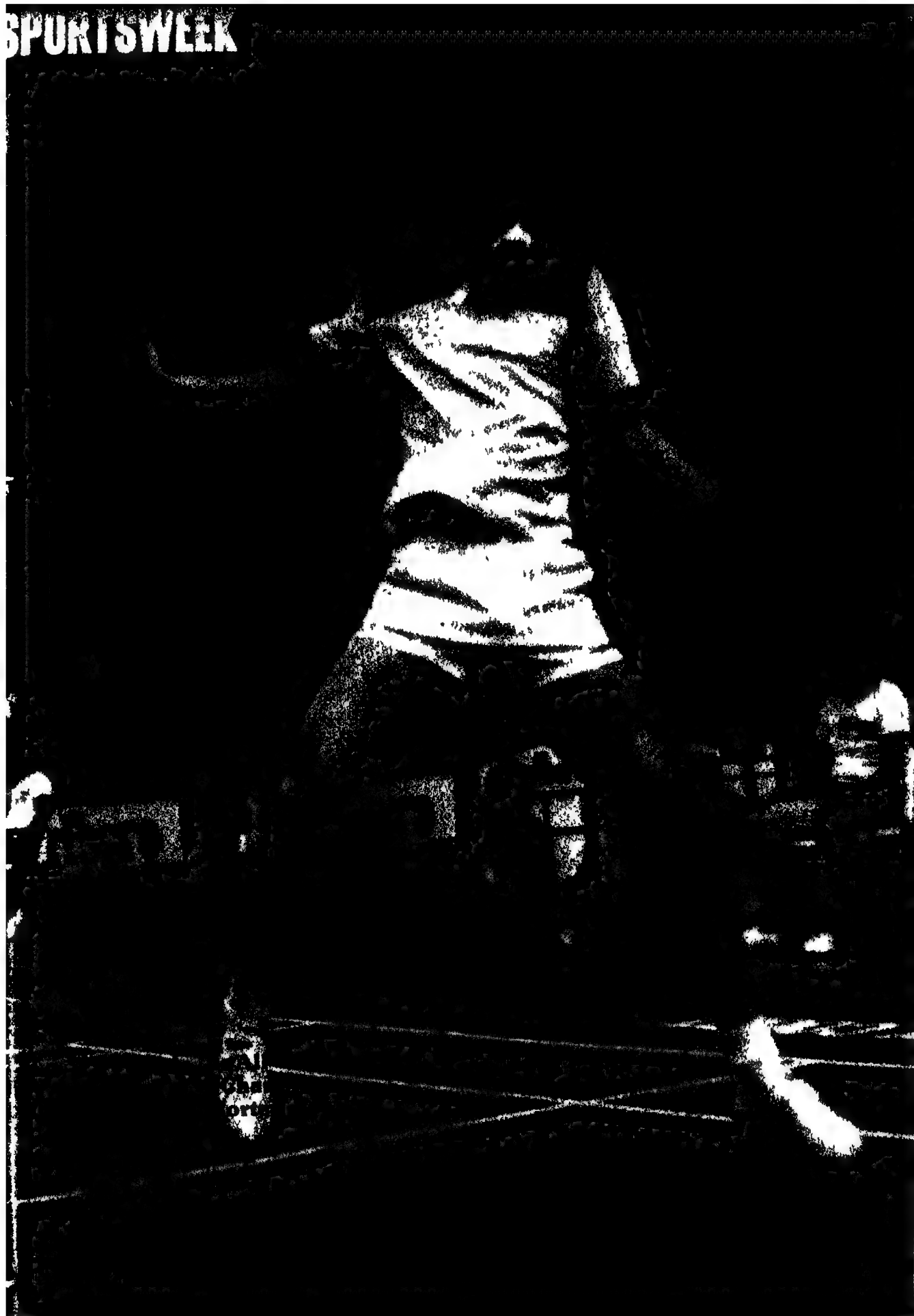
I AM REFERRING to the article in SW dated April 17, 1985, under the heading, 'Shocking declarations.'

Your correspondent has based his article on a newspaper report and the way the article is written, I have a feeling that my image at the national and international level is being sullied.

I am a FIFA, AFC and AIFF instructor for referees and I know my laws very well. I am also confident of what I speak. I have time and again tried to improve the standard of our Indian referees, giving them the benefit of my knowledge and experience, and I shall continue to do so in the near future but such malicious hinderances will only discourage me from doing good for the country.

—Alex Vaz,
Fort, Bombay-1.

SPORTSWEEK



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Zhen Yuli... confirmed her number one seeding at the Asian Badminton Championships with an emphatic, straight-games victory over compatriot Qiang Ping.



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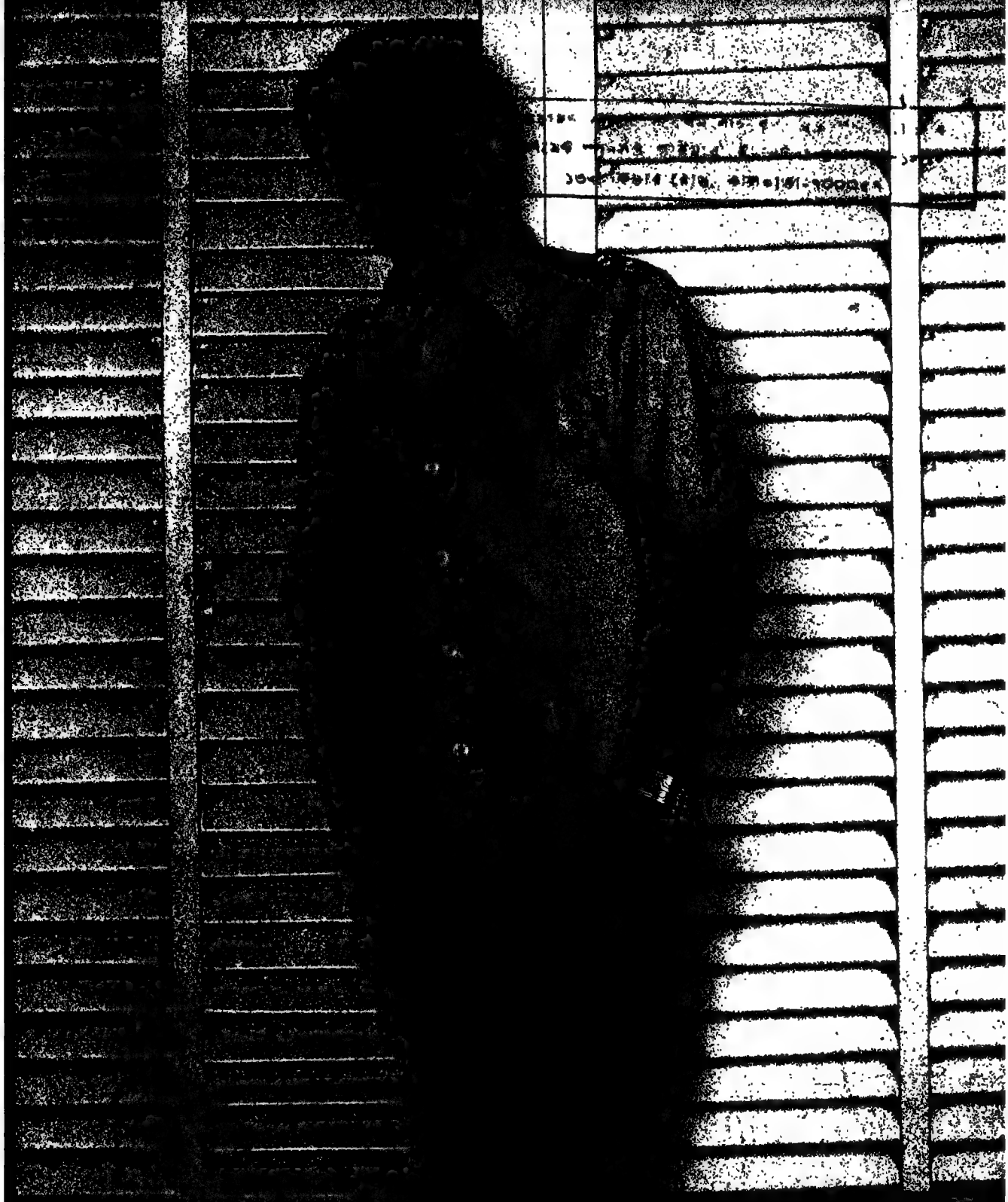
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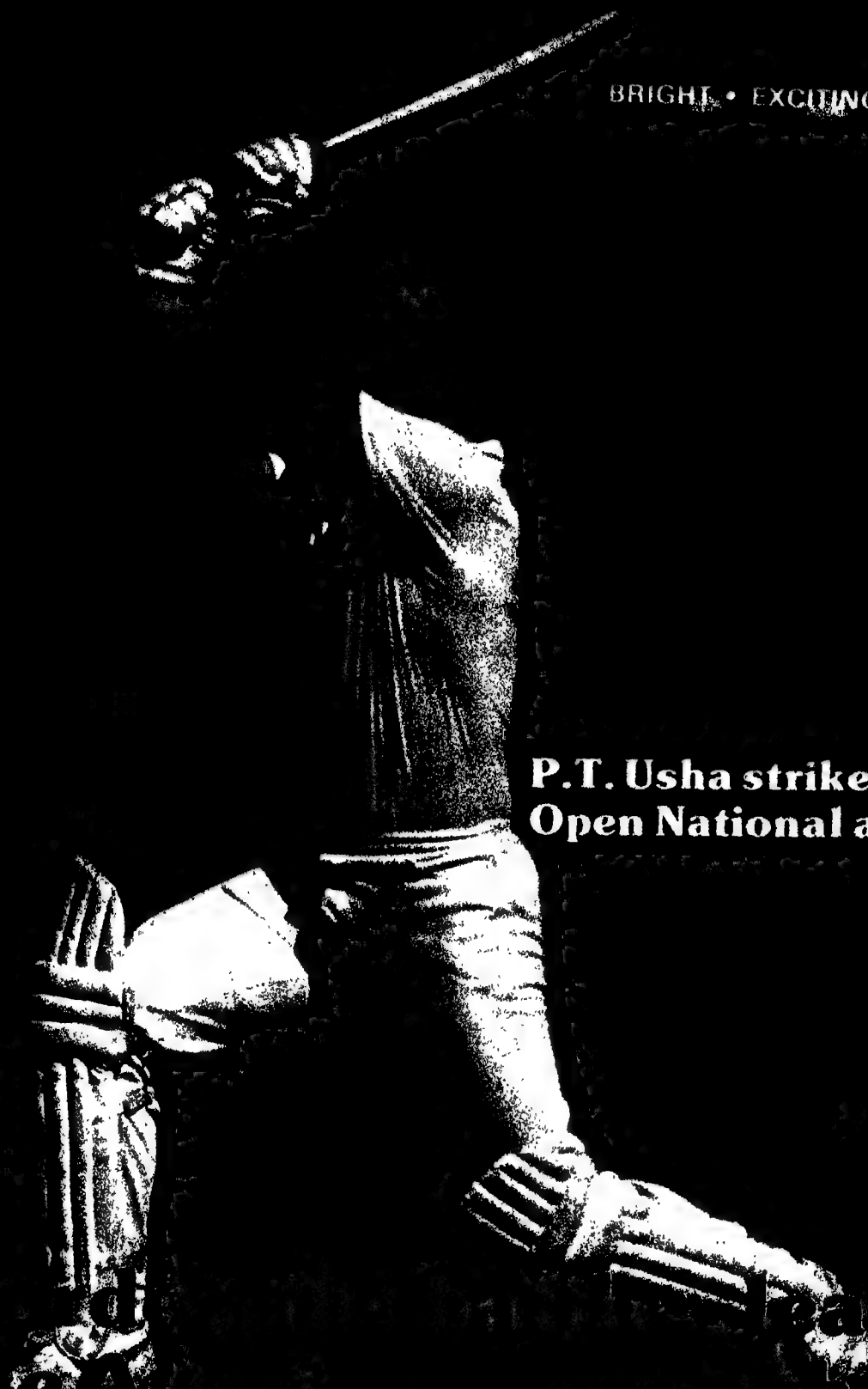
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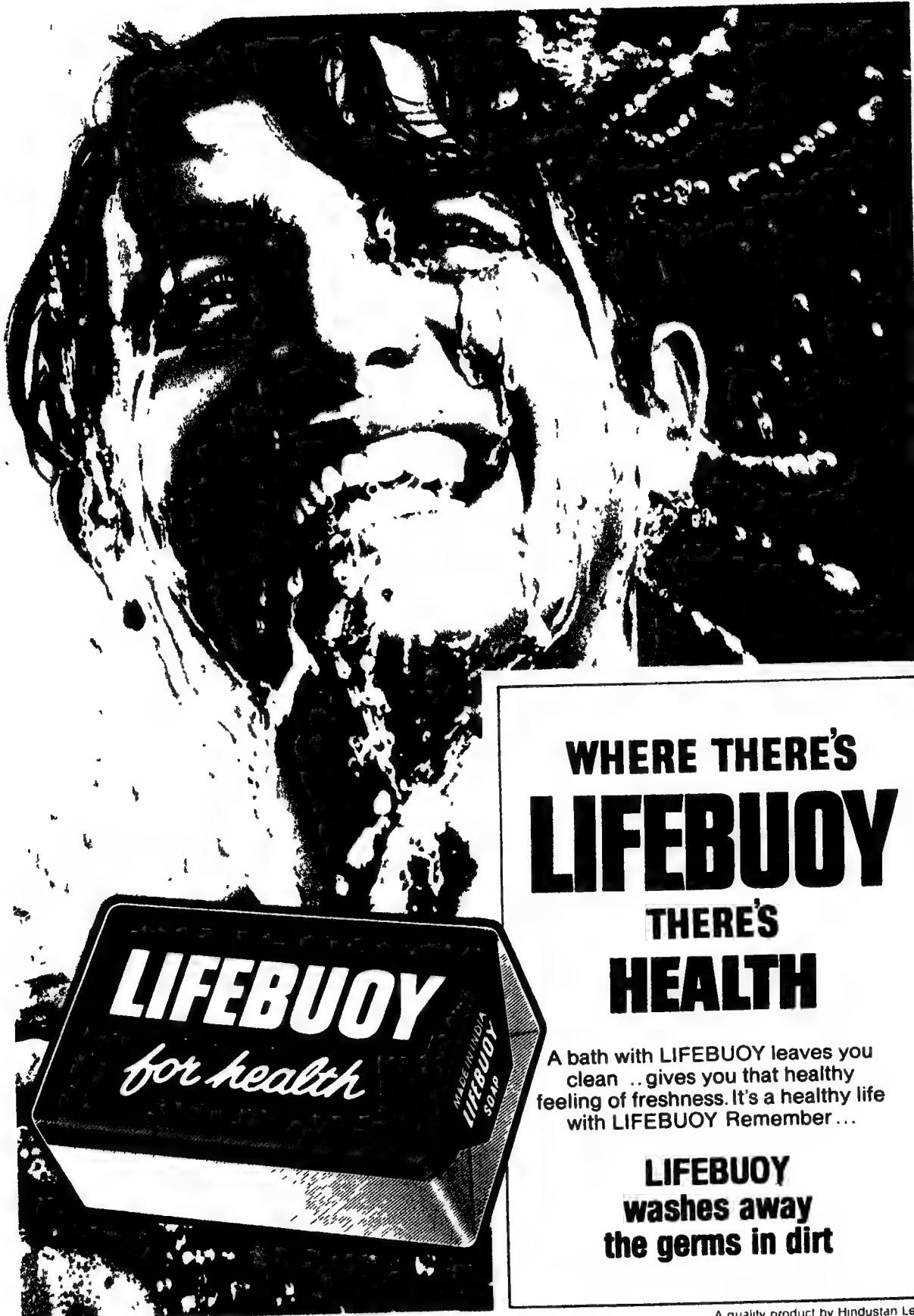
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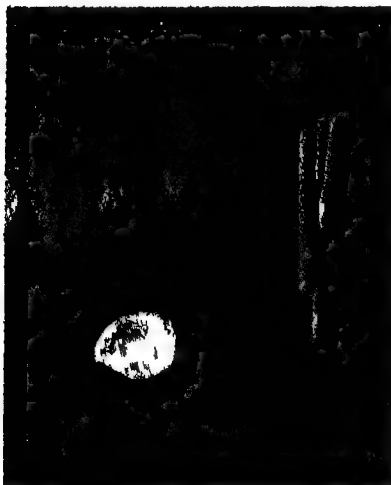


Allan Lamb... one of the more dependable batsmen in the English side, Lamb will have a very important role to play in the forthcoming Ashes series. Holding the middle order together.

During my life's Work I have been saved and healed through the power of God

Until 1960, I was an ungodly man and knew for sure that I would go to hell when I died. At the funeral of my friends and relatives I always thought about this. Although I respected the true believers, I did not know how to receive such wonderful peace, until God led me into prayer.

From time to time, a vehicle from the X-ray Institute would visit our village of Reichenbach. It was also requested to visit our factory where we manufacture Sky line Cranes.



Our staff, my wife, our children and myself had X-ray examinations. After a few days the Institute called me to say that they had found a spot on my lung, and that I must go to visit a doctor for further examination and possible treatment. A few years earlier, my younger brother, who also served our customers (see pictures) had died of lung cancer, and I was a smoker as he had been. This left me with a fear of having the same illness. I was convinced that doctors could not heal lung cancer, and that only the power of God could bring healing.

I only prayed to God when I had problems in my own life, my family or business and could not help myself or find help from others. The Lord always answered my prayers and helped me every time, even when I did not have peace with God. I trusted in his promises: "Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you will honor me" (Psalm 50:15). With regard to the spot on my lung, for a whole week I prayed about twenty times a day, begging our Lord to heal me. During my prayer God asked me to promise to serve him, and this I did, without the condition of him healing me.

On the advice of the X-ray Institute I went to a doctor, who arranged for further X-ray examinations. As we examined the original X-ray together by a window, the spot was clearly to be seen, but on exami-

nation of the subsequent films my lungs were shown to be without the spot. My prayers had been answered and God had healed me! I continued my prayers, in which I thanked him for the healing, and the more I prayed the more I felt his presence. The Bible says: "Come near to God and he will come near to you" (James 4:8). This happened through my earnest prayers.

The next Sunday, as I was humbly in prayer outside my home, longing for the presence of God, his power came down from heaven like a cloud that almost pressed me down to the ground. Contained in the cloud was a brilliant light which almost blinded me and restricted my vision to two or three meters. In the twinkling of an eye, something wonderful came into my heart.

In a vision God showed me the name of "Jesus" written in great golden letters. After this marvelous experience I knew without a doubt that Jesus had come into my heart.

When for the first time Jesus spoke to me, he said: "Now thank God for what you have received", and as I walked from my home to Scharnachtal I thanked God for Jesus and the wonderful experience he had given me. It was as if a great burden had been lifted off me, and I did not know that I was carrying such a heavy load of sin.



Before returning home, I asked God to protect me from all evil and that the devil could never rob me of this great experience. Later, Satan tried but he could not succeed because I had the protection of the blood of our Lord. On the cross of Calvary Jesus shed his blood and died and there defeated Satan. This I know and believe fervently.

Since this extraordinary event, my heart is at peace and overflowing with joy and with the assurance that our Lord will never forsake me. When I die I will be with him and the Kingdom of Heaven will be my reward. The way to eternal life is to have Jesus in our heart. The Bible states: "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life, he

who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:11-12).

I confessed my sins which the Holy Spirit revealed to me and made everything right. I was shown that our Lord had forgiven all the wrongdoings of my past life. On this earth we are born of our mothers, but to enter heaven we must be born of the Spirit of God. The experience of rebirth is like a change of government in the heart, and when Jesus comes into our hearts, the spirit of the world must leave. Because Adam and Eve had fallen into sin we do not, by nature, have Jesus in our hearts, and all men have inherited their sinful ways from them. Therefore, we commit sins which, as we know, separate us from God, and as mere mortals we are powerless to free ourselves from sin. For this reason God, through his great love, sacrificed his beloved Son Jesus Christ to save us from sin. Only Jesus has God's authority to forgive the sins of mankind, for he said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Peter says of Jesus: "There is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

He who wishes to be saved must seek God with all his heart: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart," says the Lord (Jeremiah 29:13). Through earnest prayer and longing for God, his Son Jesus will enter into our hearts and he will save us from the eternal damnation of hell, and give us the peace of God and eternal life.

And so, with joy I say: seek our Lord with fervent prayer, then you will find and be filled with the peace and the joy he has filled me. It is my prayer for the whole of mankind to enjoy such blessings and find salvation. May God bless you!

It does not matter what our work is, God wants everybody to be saved.

Jakob Wyssen



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A LOT OF MUSCLE power was shown at the Salt Lake Stadium Calcutta last week when Iraq won their Pre-World Cup football encounter against arch rival Qatar. Debabrata Chowdhury reports on the fracas



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ALLAN ROBERT BORDER

A battler who knows no Border

SW Correspondent

AS Australia's batsmen struggled embarrassingly and unavailingly to cope with high-class West Indian bowling during their 1984 Caribbean tour, it was left to one man to carry their standard for them in the face of persistent adversity.

Allan Border, at five feet nine inches, dwarfed by most of those bowlers who tormented Australian batsmen during the season, was

the only one to find the courage, application and skill to resist successfully. As Australia narrowly averted defeats in the first two Tests before collapsing to successive and massive losses in the last three, the little left-hander battled resolutely throughout, his determination never conquered.

In the end, he had 521 runs in the five Tests at an average of 74.42. It was twice the aggregate of any of



Allan Border... It is a measure of his tenacity that he has rarely lost his place in the Australian team since making his debut



Behind that gentle, uncomplicated grin lies a man made of much sterner stuff

his teammates and very nearly thrice the average.

Nothing more characterised his spirit and his value to his team than two particular innings, both the Second Test at the Queen's Park Oval.

In the first, he defied the West Indian attack, spearheaded by the giant Joel Garner and Malcolm Marshall, for five and three-quarter hours, only to be denied a century when the last two wickets fell with him stuck on 98. In the second, he did collect his richly deserved reward reaching his 100 with the last stroke of a match which his defiance for another four and three-quarter hours and his partnerships for the ninth and tenth wickets with Rodney Hogg and Terry Alderman saved against all the odds.

Throughout his career, Border has been known as a battler, one of those individuals who thrive when the going is toughest.

It has never been tougher, for Australian cricketers than in the West Indies in 1984 and at home, later the same year and Border's character has never been more severely tested.

Born in the Sydney suburb of Cremore on July 27, 1955, ALLAN ROBERT BORDER first showed his sporting attributes in backyard games with brothers John and Brett and later at North Sydney Boys High School which has a strong tradition in cricket numbering Graeme Hume, Ian Craig and Peter Philpott as former pupils who have gone into Australia's Test team. Baseball, tennis and surfing off Manly beach shared leisure time with cricket. But it was cricket at which he was to make the greatest impact.

Border passed through the trusted system of school and age-group

competition, moved into first grade cricket with Mosman club just down the road from the family's home and following impressive performances, gained his first selection on New South Wales' Sheffield Shield team in the 1975-1976 season as a middle-order batsman and occasional left-arm spin bowler.

Within a year of his debut, the cricket world – and more especially Australia's – was thrown into a state of controversy and confusion by the establishment of Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket. Overnight the New South Wales and Australian teams were decimated by defections to the new organisation, disrupting a system by which Australian cricket had been administered for more than 100 years and thereby, presenting opportunities to replacement players

who would otherwise have had to wait several years or who may never have made it at all.

Several were tried at both state and national level, found wanting and quickly fell by the wayside. Border, however, was made of sterner stuff and possessed the ability and the temperament not to let the chance go to waste.

It is a measure of his tenacity that he has rarely lost his place in the Australian Test team since making his first appearance at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the fourth Test of the 1978-1979 series against Mike Brearley's England team. In the interim, he has played 66 tests and scored 4735 runs at the outstanding average of 49.32 an innings.

Frequently, he has been at his best when Australia has not. In the heat and strange environment of Pakistan in 1980 in a series which Australia lost and in which few of their batsmen did themselves justice, Border rounded off the three Tests with successive scores of 178, 150 not out and 153. In England, in 1981, as Ian Botham and Bob Willis led an England humiliation in the Ashes series, Border scored 533 runs in the six Tests at



Allan Border... his importance multiplied several times over by the failure of other batsmen

an average of nearly 60 while no one else could average 30.

His first sight of West Indian bowling was in the 1979-80 series of three Tests when he was placed at No.3 in the order by Greg Chappell against the formidable attack of Michael Holding, Andy Roberts, Joel Garner and Colin Croft. He failed in the first two Tests but when he reverted to his more accustomed No.6 he hit a fighting half-century in the last Test.

When the West Indies next visited Australia, Border headed his

team's Test averages although his finest innings, 78 and 126 were not enough to prevent the West Indies winning the final Test at Adelaide in a stirring finish to tie the series.

His confrontations against the West Indies had been all on home territory – and briefly in the World Cup in England in 1983 – when he came as vice-captain to Kim Hughes with the fifth Australian team to tour the Caribbean in 1984. Immediately prior to the series, Greg Chappell, Rodney Marsh and Dennis Lillee, three of cricketers all time greats, had all announced their



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retirement and the team was further weakened by the injury which kept Graham Yallop an experienced and quality left handed batsman at home

There would be enormous responsibility on the very few batsman in the team with the background of lengthy Test careers. As had been evident in the past the difficult situation proved a stimulus to Border his importance multiplied several times over by the failure of the other batsman.

One of the highlights of the series was the personal duel between the menacing giant Garner for the West Indies and the pugnacious Border for Australia. It was never more dramatic than in the first innings of the Queen's Park Oval Test when Garner kept Border scoreless for 12 deliveries on 98 while the last two men, Rodney Hogg and Terry Alderman were dismissed. Border didn't get his century then but he didn't lose his wicket.

Throughout Garner pounded in to deliver his thunderbolts from a height and at a pace which deemed him almost unplayable as his record at the end 31 wickets at 16.87 each, revealed. Throughout Border kept his eye unwaveringly on the ball, concentrating fiercely making perfect, split-second judge-

ments on those balls he should let whiz past his face, those he should fend away and the few which offered him scope for an attacking stroke.

It was a tribute to Border's tenacity that only once, in the very first innings of the series, did he fall to Garner.

With doubts cast over Kim Hughes position as captain following his teams and his own failure and the shocking episode during the Trinidad and Tobago match, Border's name was frequently mentioned as a possible successor.

His chance came earlier than imagined Kim Hughes, after two resounding defeats against the West Indies at home, resigned in

tears and Border was asked to assume charge of a beaten and demoralised side. He took a little time finding his bearings and could not prevent the third Test going the way of the first two. But on a helpful Sydney track and with two spin bowlers, Bob Holland and Murray Bennett playing under him, Border led Australia to a memorable win in the final Test.

Border now leads Australia to what remains one of the greatest cricketing challenges - the battle for the Ashes against England. As one of the most reliable batsman in the modern game, Border is the most vital member of his side. Australia's hopes will be pinned on this short, stocky fighter to salvage the reputation of his country.



Throughout his career Border has been known as a battler who thrives when the going is toughest



The natural— back on top of the class

By Brad Boxall

THE discouraging news for all would-be sporting champions over the age of 12 is that if you're going to be any good, you have to have been a star at primary school.

The theory is a simple one: There are many prerequisites to succeed in modern sport, including the patience of Job, the determination of an evangelist, thick skin, and a desire to while away hours in the hot sun or pouring rain, hitting, kicking and catching balls of various shapes.

In sport, you can work on your strengths, eliminate the weaknesses, and become very proficient. But if you want to reach the top, one thing hasn't changed, even in the day of the superfit athlete and sports psychologist.

You have to be a natural, which means you were top of the sporting tree even at primary school, long before the practice perfectionists started waking up to six hours a day, in the nets or the pool, or on the court or the football field.

The world's sporting halls of fame are full of champions who were brilliant from the day they stepped out of their nappies. How would you have liked to compete against Carl Lewis in any track and field event at junior high?

Just one of the army of pre-pubescent prodigies is the Australian captain, Allan Border, who first made his mark on cricket at Mosman Primary, in the now fashionable Sydney harbourside suburb.

Border was Mosman's captain, and held in awe by lesser sporting luminaries such as myself. He lived in The Crescent, which curves quietly and leafily around part of Mosman Oval, where he was held in about the same awe by baseball coaches for his power slogging.

When it came to hitting balls with lumps of wood, Border was

unsurpassed in Mosman in 1967 among under-12s.

For those who doubted Border's captaincy claims after Kim Hughes' resignation, I can assure them that he was a spectacular success for Mosman Primary.

He opened the batting with Phil Weatherdon, and mostly seemed to retire when he got to 40. Perhaps he was occasionally dismissed for less than that, but if he was, I never saw it.

Later he opened the bowling, again with Weatherdon, and generally had the other mob out for less than three figures. Apart from these two, the rest of the Mosman Primary XI had very little to do.

Unfortunately, Weatherdon withered in Border's shadow, going on to a mixed career of first and second XI cricket with the Mosman grade club while his former school-boy captain was hitting Test centuries.

Perhaps there was only room for one real sporting hero in the Mosman Primary sixth class of

1967, although others from that year went on to make their mark in the arts, notably actor Tom Burlinson (Phar Lap and The Man From Snowy River), drummer Rob Hirst, of Mr. Peter Garrett's Midnight Oil, and, even more notably, Debbie Jones, an early centrefold for Australian Playboy.

Border was a terribly fair captain



Australia captain Allan Border as an 18-month-old tot and right, as a 10-year-old in the front yard of his home in The Crescent, Mosman



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at age 12, news that will no doubt rest well with his current Australian teammates

Despite being a good friend of his, I received no special favours when it came to selection in the respected Mosman Primary XI

After the first 10 were chosen for each match, there were inevitably about five no-hopers vying for the last position, which even more inevitably included myself

School tradition insisted that this last man be chosen not on merit (none of us had any) but by the captain mentally picking a number from one to 20. Each contender nominated a number, and whoever came closest to the captain's pick made the team.

One week I took a catch to give Border a hat trick. I felt he looked at me with new respect from that day, but at practice next week I was again miserably involved in the 1-20 guessing game. Border the captain-fair, but cruel.

Having his life so dominated by sport inevitably meant Border played football, and he was a Rugby Union breakaway at Mosman Primary and later North Sydney Tech. He gave it up because other blokes kept bopping him on the bugle. I'm no fighter, he said.

Border served the last four years of high school at North Sydney Boys, and made the transition from primary star to high star by playing for the first XI while in fourth, fifth and sixth year. He opened the batting, bowled left-arm nothings and captained the side in his final year.



It's the summer of 1964-65 and nine-year-old Border (front row, second left) makes his first mark on the cricket world by being chosen for the Mosman District D3 team for under-12



We don't know what happened to the rest of the Mosman Primary prefects of 1967, but we can tell you that Allan Border (front row, far right) became the Australia cricket captain, Robert Hirst (front row, second left) drums for top Aussie rock band Midnight Oil, and Tom Burlinson (back row, second left) became an actor

Leaving school at the end of 1973 there followed a couple of wasted years, in which cricket could have lost Border for good.

I played sport because I enjoyed it. That was about the start and finish, he said the day after being appointed Australian captain. I never had that burning ambition to play for Australia or anything. My only idol as a kid was Gary Sobers, and that because he was a left-hand slogger, I saw a newsreel of the Tied Test.

He made his first grade debut for Mosman at age 16, while still at school, being called up to bowl his spinners and bat at No. 9. From that lowly position he gave a hint of

things to come with 30, but Ron Crippen cained his little spinners during 130 not out, and Border had 0-67 off six overs. He was dropped and Crippen was recalled to the New South Wales team.

From there, Border shifted about a bit between firsts and seconds with no real purpose. He admitted he lost interest in the game and didn't really care whether he made runs or not.

It was in this period that Border's relationship with cricket could have degenerated to little more than a casual fling.

He was playing first grade baseball, and his best mates came from this sport rather than cricket. They had a great time together at baseball, but while he was playing first grade cricket they were only in fourths.

If baseball had been a bigger game in Australia, there's every chance I would have gone that way rather than cricket," Border said. "I really knocked around with those baseball guys, but in the end it was easier to relate to cricket as a sport. It had the media attention, it had the Australian feel, but baseball was only small, and an American import."

Despite moving to Queensland in October 1980, Border maintains his close baseball friendships. A NSW Claxton Shield player, Marcus Sykes, was best man at Border's wedding. He was another Mosman Primary product, although a year ahead of the class of '67. Sykes also lived in The Crescent, nine miles down from the Borders. Border broke out of the system.

his "rebel" stage before the start of the 1975-76 season. Part of the inspiration to try to make something of his cricket came from Andrew Hilditch, former Australian vice-captain.

"I played a lot of junior and grade cricket with and against Andy, and when he came into grade he did well and cracked the state squad. I looked at him and said, 'I can do that'. At the time I was just turning up for a bash and being a general nothing, so I decided to get a bit serious."

How close Border came to missing the boat is reflected in his youngest brother, Brett, whom he de-

cribes as an excellent cricketer. "Brett stayed in the rebel stage a bit too long and now, at 22, has let it go too far to make it," said Border.

During 1975-76, Border established himself permanently in first grade at Mosman and scored more than 600 runs. Next summer he did even better and cracked the NSW Sheffield Shield team late in the season after a run of impressive scoring.

A power-packed 142 against Balmain, which included 25 fours and two sixes, was his springboard into the first-class pool, but he also had 76 for State Colts against Tasmania, 97 for Metropolitan

against Combined Near North, 33 in the ANZ Cup against a fired-up Andy Roberts and 139 not out against Randwick, again with more than 20 boundaries.

An aggressive left-hander about 5 ft 9 inches tall, strong wrists and forearms, severe on spinners with a powerful cover drive and pull, more than handy in the slips and a lovely outfielder - Border was compared to Neil Harvey very early on. Fortunately it didn't stick, and the 21-year-old New South Welshman was left to make his own mark on the game.

He broke into the NSW side when Australia was touring New Zealand and hit 36 against Queensland on debut. At the end of the season he had played five matches, scoring 128 runs at 18.29.

Border was no overnight sensation, but he improved the following season - the first of World Series Cricket - with 617 runs for NSW at 36.29; top of the aggregate and second in the averages. Coupled with regular stints in English League cricket, Border was doing all the homework required to pass his big exam.

The summer of 1977-78 was a disaster for Graham Yallop and Australia, but it was Allan Border's breakthrough season. In 14 first-class matches he scored 1220 runs, including four centuries and an average of 55.45. He ran up his maiden hundred against Western Australia in Perth (135) and followed with his maiden Test hundred, 105 against Pakistan in Melbourne.

His Test debut had come in the Third Test against Mike Brearley's Englishmen in Melbourne. Maybe Border was lucky charm, because that was the only Test Australia won in the series.

When World Series and The Establishment kissed and made up, Border held his place in the combined side and has been there ever since.

In that time he has suffered three well-documented slumps, but has always made the form connection in time to dodge the selectors' axe. It's that tenacity and never-say-die spirit that is respected by players and critics alike, despite his claim of not being a fighter.

Today Border seems to be a fairly uncomplicated fellow, a straight-forward type who will never give less than 100 per cent and who won't suffer fools gladly. Even the Sydney Morning Herald's Phil Derriman recently found it hard to describe the real Border, calling him phlegmatic, easygoing, unflamboy-



A long-haired Allan Border makes an early appearance on the Sydney Cricket Ground playing for New South Wales Colts



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ant, unintellectual and rather withdrawn, which he said was a picture that "smacked with blandness"

Finally, Barry Knight, the former England player who captained Border at Mosman, came to Derriman's rescue, describing Border as "totally ruthless" and a vicious little blighter. Derriman grabbed this as the missing piece of the Border mosaic, the something in his nature which sets him apart.

They were the aggro days, Border commented later. I've mellowed now but underneath I'm still basically aggressive. I've got a pretty short fuse and sure I'm moody but I think I've improved.

Personal failure can get me down but mainly only when the side has played poorly as well. That was the combination on the tour of Pakistan when I was said to have been withdrawn when I got home. But basically I've always thought of myself as a normal guy - what you see is what you get.

I've never thought of myself as a leader of men - just one of the boys trying to do my best. But now I'm the captain I think I can do the job on the field, my only worry is the off-field pressure.

The media microscope today is unbelievable, and Greg Chappell and Kim Hughes were the first Australian captains to face it. It's a new dimension and pressure.

Border is very aware that in his role as captain he is public property more than ever and one of the first things he did as Australian cricket captain was to change his home telephone number.

I don't want my family being fair game for the media, he had said. They just turn up on my doorstep and start taking pictures. My son Dean must be the most photographed baby in the world.

The captaincy of the Australian cricket team is generally held to be the most prestigious role available to the country's sports people. After it was passed to Allan Border



Allan Border. "totally ruthless and a vicious little blighter"

the eyes of millions were fixed on his performance, even though he was able to close his front door to them occasionally.

And back at Mosman Primary, you wouldn't need to conduct a poll amongst the nippers to find out their greatest hero.

Principal Gwen Cattell says that Border's name comes up quite often in the classrooms, on the playgrounds and in the teachers' common room. "We think Allan's achievements are quite outstanding," said Miss Cattell. "The children all know about him. He is someone for them to look up to and admire."

Border is unchallenged as the school's all-time sporting great, and how proudly will the next captain of the Mosman Primary XI lead his team into battle.

I can see him exhorting his players to attain new heights of excellence, "because we don't want to let Allan Border down." And at practice after school on Wednesdays, there he'll be in front of the five no-hopers clamouring for the last position on the team.

"Now youse guys, I've thought of a number between one and twenty..."



Aussie captain Allan Border practices in the nets at Lord's as his touring team prepare for the summer Tests against England



Allan Border's Australians

BENNETT, Murray John, NSW, Oct 6, 1956.

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut NSW, v WA, Perth, 1982/83, Matches 33, Innings 43 Not Outs 11; Runs 803, Average 25 09, 50s 2, 100s -, Catches 25, Highest Score 59* NSW v SA, Adelaide, 1982/83

Runs 2595, Balls 7749, Wickets 96, Mdns 496, Average 27 03, 5 wkts in innings 5, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 6/32 NSW v West Indies, Sydney, 1984/85

TEST CAREER

Debut v West Indies, Melbourne, 1984/85, Matches 2, Innings 3, Not Outs 2, Runs 48, Average 48 00, 50s -, 100s -, Catches 4, Highest Score 23 v West Indies Sydney, 1984/85

Runs 214 Balls 473, Wickets 5, Mdns 16, Average 42 80, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 3/79 v West Indies Sydney, 1984/85

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 9, Innings 13, Not Outs 3, Runs 165 Average 16 50; 50s -

100s -, Catches 10, Highest Score 23 Australia v West Indies, Sydney

Runs 677, Balls 2033, Wickets 33, Mdns 111, Average 20 52, 5 wkts in innings 2, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 6/32 NSW v West Indies, Sydney

BOON, David Clarence, Tas, December 29, 1960.

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut Tas v Qld, Brisbane, 1978/79, Matches 58, Innings 100, Not Outs 6, Runs 3716, Average 39 53, 50s 18, 100s 9, Catches 42, Highest Score 227 Tas v Vic, Melbourne, 1983/84

Runs 67 Balls 72, Wickets 2, Mdns 1, Average 33 50, 5 wkts in innings - 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 1/12 Tas v Vic, Melbourne, 1984/85

TEST CAREER

Debut v West Indies, Brisbane, 1984/85, Matches 3 Innings 5, Not Outs -, Runs 132, Average 26 40 50s 1, 100s -, Catches 2, Highest Score 51 v West Indies, Brisbane, 1984/85

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 10, Innings 18, Not Outs 2, Runs 664, Average 41 50, 50s 2, 100s 3, Catches 8, Highest Score 147 Tas v WA, Hobart

Runs 12, Balls 18, Wickets 1, Mdns 1, Average 12 00, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 1/12 Tas v Vic, Melbourne

BORDER, Allan Robert, Qld, July 27, 1955

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut NSW v Qld Sydney 1976/77 Matches 145, Innings 246, Not Outs 39, Runs 10466, Average 50 56, 50s 61 100s 25, Catches 138, Highest Score 200 NSW v Qld, Sydney 1979/80

Runs 1830, Balls 4391, Wickets 54, Mdns 159 Average 33 88 5 wkts in innings - 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 4/61 Qld v NSW, Sydney, 1980/81 Captaincy 15, 7 wins, 6 draws, 2 losses

TEST CAREER

Debut v England Melbourne 1978/79, Matches 66, Innings 116, Not Outs 20, Runs 4735, Average 49 32, 50s 28, 100s 12





AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND...

Catches 70, Highest Score 162 v India, Madras, 1979

Runs 588, Balls 1516, Wickets 15, Mdns 66, Average 39.20, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 3/20 v New Zealand, Christchurch, 1981/82
Captaincy 3, 1 win, 1 draw, 1 loss

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 11, Innings 19, Not Outs 3, Runs 645, Average 40.31, 50s 2, 100s 1, Catches 12, Highest Score 144* Qld v Tas Launceston

Runs 103, Balls 156, Wickets 5, Mdns 6, Average 20.60, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 3/24 Qld v SA, Brisbane
Captaincy 9, 5 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses

HILDITCH, Andrew Mark Jefferson, SA, May 20, 1956

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut NSW v Tas, Hobart 1976/77 Matches 64, Innings 115 Not Outs 3, Runs 4441, Average 39.65, 50s 27, 100s 7, Catches 54, Highest Score 230 SA v Vic Melbourne 1983/84

Runs 67, Balls 178, Wickets -, Mdns 9, Average -, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling -

TEST CAREER

Debut v England, Sydney, 1978/79, Matches 11, Innings 21, Not Outs -, Runs 637, Average 30.33, 50s 5, 100s 1, Catches 10, Highest Score 113 v West Indies, Melbourne, 1984/85

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 11, Innings 19, Not Outs -, Runs 960, Average 50.33, 50s 5, 100s 2, Catches 11, Highest Score 184 SA v NSW Adelaide

Runs 41, Balls 110, Wickets -, Mdns 4, Average -, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling -

HOLLAND, Robert George NSW, October 19, 1946

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut NSW v Qld, Sydney 1978/79 Matches 49 Innings 53 Not Outs 14, Runs 390 Average

10.00, 50s -, 100s -, Catches 30; Highest Score 40 NSW v WA, Sydney, 1982/83

Runs 5540, Balls 13941; Wickets 182, Mdns 700, Average 30.43, 5 wkts in innings 5; 10 wkts in a match 2, Best Bowling 9/83 NSW v SA, Sydney, 1984/85

TEST CAREER

Debut v West Indies, Brisbane, 1984/85, Matches 3, Innings 4; Not Outs 1, Runs 15, Average 5.00, 50s -, 100s -, Catches 1, Highest Score 7* v West Indies, Adelaide, 1984/85

Runs 404, Balls 783, Wickets 14 Mdns 26, Average 28.85, 5 wkts in innings 1, 10 wkts in a match 1, Best Bowling 6/54 v West Indies, Sydney, 1984/85

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 13, Innings 17, Not Outs 1, Runs 158, Average 9.88, 50s -, 100s -, Catches 6, Highest Score 31 NSW v Vic, Melbourne

Runs 1522, Balls 3723, Wickets 59, Mdns 181, Average 25.80, 5 wkts in innings 2, 10 wkts in a match 2, Best Bowling 9/83 NSW v SA Sydney

LAWSON, Geoffrey Francis, NSW, December 7, 1957

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut NSW v WA, Sydney, 1977/78 Matches 91, Innings 119 Not Outs 27, Runs 1304, Average 14.17, 50s 2, 100s -, Catches 43, Highest Score 57* Australia v Pakistan, Lahore, 1982

Runs 8743 Balls 17954, Wickets 347, Mdns 629, Average 25.19, 5 wkts in innings 17, 10 wkts in a match 2, Best Bowling 8/112 Australia v West Indies, Adelaide, 1984/85

TEST CAREER

Debut v New Zealand, Brisbane, 1980/81, Matches 28, Innings 46, Not Outs 9, Runs 576, Average 15.56, 50s 2, 100s -, Catches 7, Highest Score 57* v Pakistan, Lahore 1982

Runs 3208, Balls 6300; Wickets 118, Mdns 211; Average 27.19; 5 wkts in innings 9, 10 wkts in a match 2, Best Bowling 8/112 v West Indies, Adelaide 1984/85.

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 8, Innings 14, Not Outs 3, Runs 183 Average 16.63; 50s -, 100s -, Catches 1, Highest Score 49 Australia v West Indies, Adelaide

Runs 785; Balls 1844; Wickets 37; Mdns 75; Average 21.21; 5 wkts in innings 2; 10 wkts in a match 1



Recalled to Test cricket at the age of 34, Jeff Thomson puts in some net practice at Lord's the day after the Australian squad arrived in England

match 1; Best Bowling 8/112 Australia v West Indies, Adelaide
MATTHEWS, Gregory Richard
 John, NSW, December 16, 1959.
FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut NSW v WA, Sydney, 1982/83; Matches 34, Innings 51, Not Outs 10; Runs 1584, Average 38.63, 50s 9, 100s 1; Catches 21, Highest Score 103 NSW v Vic, Sydney, 1984/85

Runs 2700, Balls 6385, Wickets 68, Mdns 313, Average 39.70, 5 wkts in innings 1, 10 wkts in a match -; Best Bowling 5/32 NSW v Qld, Sydney, 1984/85

TEST CAREER

Debut v Pakistan, Melbourne 1983/84, Matches 4, Innings 6, Not Outs 1, Runs 118, Average 23.60, 50s 1, 100s -; Catches 1, Highest Score 75 v Pakistan, Melbourne, 1983/84

Runs 296, Balls 547, Wickets 7 Mdns 25, Average 42.28, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -; Best Bowling 2/48 v Pakistan Melbourne, 1983/84

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 13, Innings 21, Not Outs 2, Runs 664, Average 34.95 50s 4, 100s 1, Catches 10, Highest Score 103 NSW v Vic, Sydney

Runs 924, Balls 2270, Wickets 25, Mdns 121, Average 36.96, 5 wkts in innings 1, 10 wkts in a match -; Best Bowling 5/32 NSW v Qld, Sydney

McDERMOTT, Craig John, Qld, April 14, 1965
FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut Qld v Vic, Brisbane, 1983/84, Matches 16, Innings 21, Not Outs 4, Runs 299, Average 17.58, 50s -, 100s -, Catches 5, Highest Score 38* Qld v Vic, Melbourne, 1983/84

Runs 1595, Balls 3089, Wickets 55, Mdns 111, Average 29.00, 5 wkts in innings 1, 10 wkts in a match -; Best Bowling 6/45 Qld v Tas, Launceston, 1984/85

TEST CAREER

Debut v West Indies, Melbourne, 1984/85, Matches 2, Innings 2, Not Outs -, Runs 4, Average 2.00, 50s -, 100s -; Catches 1, Highest Score 4 v West Indies, Sydney, 1984/85

Runs 273, Balls 414; Wickets 10; Mdns 8, Average 27.30; 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -; Best Bowling 3/65 v West Indies, Sydney, 1984/85.

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 8, Innings 8; Not Outs 1; Average 14.00; 50s -;



Australian batsman Dirk Wellham, right, appears to be bowled over by the pace of the exercise at Lord's. Joining in are captain Border, centre, and Greg Ritchie

100s - Catches 4, Highest Score 30 Qld v WA Brisbane

Runs 779 Balls 1461, Wickets 35, Mdns 55 Average 22.25 5 wkts in innings 1 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 6/45 Qld v Tas, Launceston

O'DONNELL, Simon, Vic, January 26, 1963
FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut Vic v SA, Melbourne 1983/84 Matches 7 Innings 9 Not Outs 1 Runs 528, Average 66.00, 50s 2 100s 2, Catches 3, Highest Score 130 Vic v SA, Melbourne 1983/84

Runs 575 Balls 966 Wickets 15, Mdns 28, Average 38.33, 5 wkts in innings - 10 wkts in a match - Best Bowling 4/118 Vic v SA, Melbourne, 1983/84

TEST CAREER

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 6, Innings 8, Not Outs 1, Runs 398, Average 56.86, 50s 2, 100s 1, Catches 3, Highest Score 129* Vic v WA, Perth

Runs 455, Balls 750, Wicket 11, Mdns 20, Average 41.36, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 3/84 Vic v Qld, Brisbane

PHILLIPS, Wayne Bentley, SA, March 1, 1958
FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut SA v Vic, Adelaide, 1977/78 Matches 52, Innings 96, Not Outs 7, Runs 3479, Average 39.08, 50s 17, 100s 8, Catches 68, Stumpings 2, Highest Score 260 SA v Qld, Adelaide, 1981/82

TEST CAREER

Debut v Pakistan, Perth, 1983/84; Matches 12; Innings 21, Not Outs 1; Runs 756; Average

37.80, 50s 3, 100s 2, Catches 24 Highest Score 159 v Pakistan Perth, 1983/84

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 6, Innings 12, Not Outs 1, Runs 238, Average 21.63, 50s 1, 100s -, Catches 14, Stumpings 1 Highest Score 54 Australia v West Indies, Brisbane

RITCHIE, Gregory Michael, Qld, January 23, 1960
FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut Qld v Vic, Brisbane, 1980/81 Matches 63, Innings 102, Not Outs 8, Runs 4048, Average 43.06, 50s 26, 100s 9, Catches 49, Highest Score 197 Qld v Pakistan, Brisbane, 1983/84

Runs 39, Balls 54, Wickets 2 Mdns 1, Average 19.50, 5 wkts in innings -, 10 wkts in a match -, Best Bowling 1/4 Australia v Guyana, Georgetown, 1983/84

TEST CAREER

Debut v Pakistan, Karachi, 1982, Matches 9, Innings 17, Not Outs 1, Runs 450, Average 28.12, 50s 2, 100s 1, Catches 5, Highest Score 106* v Pakistan, Faisalabad, 1982

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 11, Innings 15, Not Outs -, Runs 639, Average 42.60 50s 5, 100s 1, Catches 11, Highest Score 136 Qld v Vic, Brisbane

WELLHAM, Dirk McDonald, NSW, March 13, 1959.

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut NSW v Vic, Melbourne 1980-81, Matches 58, Innings 94 Not Outs 14, Runs 3602, Average 45.02, 50s 19, 100s 9, Catches 28, Highest Score 136* NSW v WA Perth, 1982/83

Runs 11, Balls 18, Wickets 1, Mdns -, Average 11.00, 5 wkts in



innings -, 10 wkts in a match -,
Best Bowling 1/11 Australia v
Essex, Chelmsford, 1981.

TEST CAREER

Debut v England, The Oval, 1981,
Matches 4, Innings 7, Not Outs -,
Runs 221, Average 31.57, 50s -,
100s 1, Catches 1, Highest Score
103 v England, The Oval, 1981

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 12, Innings 21, Not
Outs 1, Runs 829, Average 41.45,
50s 4, 100s 2, Catches 7, Highest
Score 115 NSW v Tas, Launceston

WESSELS, Kepler Christoffel,
Qld, September 14, 1957

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut Orange Free State v Nth
Transvaal, Bloemfontein, 1973/74,
Matches 150, Innings 263, Not
Outs 22, Runs 12228, Average
50.73, 50s 62, 100s 32, Catches
105, Highest Score 254 Sussex v
Middlesex, Hove, 1980

Runs 177, Balls 486, Wickets 5
Mdns 24, Average 35.40, 5 wkts in
innings -, 10 wkts in a match -,
Best Bowling 1/0 Australia v Presi-
dents XI, Moratuwa, 1982/83

TEST CAREER

Debut v England, Brisbane,
1982/83, Matches 17, Innings 29
Not Outs 1, Runs 1320, Average
47.14, 50s 5, 100s 4, Catches 15,
Highest Score 179 v England,
Brisbane, 1982/83

Runs 17, Balls 48, Wickets -,
Mdns 1, Average -, 5 wkts in
innings -, 10 wkts in a match -,
Best Bowling -

1984/85 FIRST CLASS



Kepler Wessels

Matches 11, Innings 19, Not
Outs -, Runs 1020, Average 53.68,
50s 6, 100s 3, Catches 4, Highest
Score 173 Australia v West Indies
Sydney

Runs 40, Balls 66, Wickets 1,
Mdns -, Average 40.00, 5 wkts in
innings -, 10 wkts in a match -,
Best Bowling 1/25 Qld v SA, Bris-
bane

WOOD, Graeme Malcolm, WA,
November 6, 1956.

FIRST CLASS CAREER

Debut WA v England Perth,
1976/77, Matches 134, Innings
233, Not Outs 15, Runs 7996,
Average 36.67, 50s 41, 100s 18,
Catches 100, Highest Score 173*
WA v NSW, Sydney, 1983/84

Runs 132, Balls 248, Wickets 5,
Mdns 6, Average 26.40, 5 wkts in
innings -, 10 wkts in a match -,

'Best Bowling 3/18 Australia v
West Zone, Ahmedabad, 1979.

TEST CAREER

Debut v India, Adelaide,
1977/78, Matches 48; Innings 92,
Not Outs 5, Runs 2849, Average
32.74, 50s 13, 100s 7, Catches 27,
Highest Score 126 v West Indies,
Guyana, 1977/78

1984/85 FIRST CLASS

Matches 8, Innings 15, Not Outs
-, Runs 565, Average 37.66, 50s 3,
100s 1, Catches 7; Highest Score
141 WA v West Indies, Perth

THOMSON, Jeffrey Robert,
NSW, August 16, 1950

The rightarm speedster who
formed a fearsome duo with Dennis
Lillee has earned a recall to cricket
at the highest level

With 196 Test wickets to his cre-
dit Thomson who has played a vital
role in many an Aussie triumph
now returns to crickets head-
quarters after eight long years

RAY, Phillips, Queensland

An understudy to Wayne Phillips,
this young wicketkeeper with 39
victims to his credit, did quite well
for himself in the Sheffield Shield
this season

GILBERT, Dave, Queensland

A pace bowler whose perfor-
mance in the Sheffield Shield
earned him a ticket to tour England
as the selectors' afterthought

Though lacking in experience he
sometimes bowls faster than an-
yone else Down Under but is not
consistent. This tour should do a lot
for his confidence besides giving
him an opportunity to impress

Manager Bob Merriman
Assistant Manager: Geoff Dy-
mock

TOUR ITINERARY

May 5 vs Lavinia Dutchess of
Norfolk XI at Arundel

May 8, 9, 10 vs Somerset at
Tauton

May 11, 12, 13 vs Worcester-
shire at Worcester

May 14 vs Nottinghamshire
(one-day) at Trent Bridge

May 16 vs Surrey (one-day) at
the Oval

May 18, 19, 20, 21 vs Sussex
at Hove

May 22, 23, 24 vs MCC at
Lord's

May 25, 26, 27, 28 vs Derby-
shire at Derby

May 30 First One-Day Interna-
tional at Old Trafford.

June 1 Second One-Day Inter-

national at Edgbaston

June 3 Third One-Day Interna-
tional at Lord's

June 5, 6, 7 vs Yorkshire or
Warwickshire or Lancashire

June 8, 9, 10, 11 vs Leicester-
shire at Leicester

June 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 First
Test at Headingley

June 20 vs Combined Universi-
ties at Cambridge (one-day)

June 22, 23, 24, 25 vs Hamp-
shire at Southampton

June 27, 28, 29, July 1, 2 Se-
cond Test at Lord's

July 6, 7, 8, 9 vs Essex at
Chelmsford.

July 11, 12, 13, 15, 16. Third
Test at Trent Bridge.

July 18 vs Minor counties at
Jesmond (one-day)

July 20, 21, 22 vs Glamorgan
or Warwickshire

July 24, 25, 26, vs Gloucester-
shire at Bristol

July 27, 28, 29, 30 vs North-
amptonshire at Northampton

August 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 Fourth
Test at Old Trafford

August 8 vs Ireland (one-day)

August 10, 11, 12, 13, vs
Middlesex at Lord's

August 15, 16, 17, 19, 20
Fifth Test at Edgbaston

August 24, 25, 26, 27: vs Kent
at Canterbury.

August 29, 30, 31, Sept 2, 3
Sixth Test at the Oval



The Bridgetown dossier

	Inaugural year	Total played	W Indies won	Opponents won	Matches drawn
vs England	Jan 1930	8	2	1	5
vs India	Feb 1953	5	4		1
vs Australia	May 1955	5	2		3
vs Pakistan	Jan 1958	2		-	2
vs New Zealand	Mar 1972	2	1		1
		22	9	1	12

Updated to May 1, 1985, on which historic date West Indies broke at long last the sterile sequence of seven previous drawn Tests against New Zealand in the Caribbean, at the same time maintaining their winning sequence at Bridgetown, Barbados, with their fifth straight win in their last five Tests at this venue—twice vs Australia in 1978 and 1984 and once each vs England in 1981 and India in 1983

Highest totals

The record for the highest total at Bridgetown is Australia's 668 in May 1955, whilst the highest for the home side at this venue is 596 for eight declared in March 1974 against England

The only previous Test between West Indies and New Zealand at Bridgetown in March 1972 had produced the existing record for their highest totals against each other at this venue—564 for eight by the Windies and 422 by the Kiwis

Lowest totals

In the recent Test, New Zealand recorded the lowest total in a completed innings in any Test at Bridgetown when they were dismissed for 94, erasing the previous lowest at this venue of 97 by Australia last year (1984).

The lowest by the home side at Bridgetown is 102 vs England in January 1935, whilst their lowest against the Kiwis at this venue is 133 in 1972

Top scores

The highest individual innings at Bridgetown remains that famous marathon knock in January 1958 by Pakistan's Hanif Mohammad when he compiled 337 in 16 hours 10 minutes—to this day a world record for the longest innings ever played in all first-class cricket.

The Windies best at this venue is Lawrence Rowe's 302 vs England in 1974, whilst their highest against the Kiwis at Bridgetown is

The highest by a Windies batsman against other countries at this venue 219 by Denis Atkinson in 1955 vs Australia, 197 by Everton Weekes in 1958 vs Pakistan and an unbeaten 178 by Gary Sobers in 1971 vs India

Pakistan apart, the highest by a batsman from other opponent-countries at this venue 210 by Bill Lawry in 1965 for Australia, 152 by Andy Sandham for England in the first-ever Test to be played at Bridgetown in January 1930, 150 by Dilip Sardesai for India in 1971 and 126 by Bev Congdon for New Zealand in 1972

Centuries at Bridgetown

Viv Richards achieved the distinction of hitting the 50th century to be recorded at Bridgetown when he played a captain's knock of 105 with 12 fours and three sixes in the recent Test

West Indians have now hit 28 centuries at this venue 11 vs England, seven vs Australia, four vs

India, and three each vs New Zealand and Pakistan

The breakup of 22 centuries for the opponent-countries at Bridgetown nine by Australia, seven by England and two each by New Zealand, India and Pakistan

Highest stands

The record at Bridgetown is 399 (4th wkt) between Sobers and Worrell vs England in 1960 for West Indies, whilst the best for the opponents at this venue is 382 (1st wkt) between Lawry and Simpson for Australia in 1965

The highest for West Indies vs New Zealand at Bridgetown 254 (6th wkt) between Davis and Sobers, whilst the Kiwi best at this venue is 175 (4th wkt) between Congdon and Hastings, both in the 1972 Test

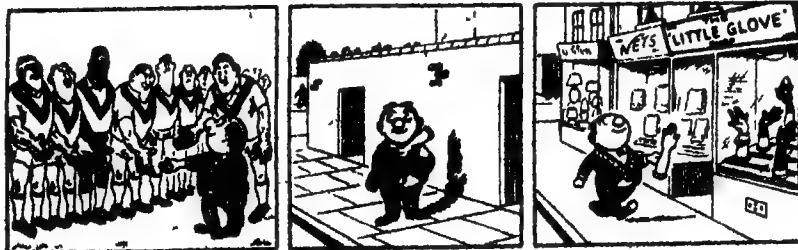
Best bowling

The record for the best bowling at Bridgetown is eight for 38 by Lance Gibbs for West Indies against India in 1962, whilst the best by an opponent-bowler at this venue is seven for 74 by Bruce Taylor for New Zealand in 1972

In the recent Test, Malcolm Marshall returned match-winning figures of seven for 80 in the second innings to outstrip the modest Windies record at this venue of four for 64 by Gary Sobers against the Kiwis in 1972

Actually, this record had already been surpassed when Malcolm Marshall took four for 40 in the first innings. His match tally of 11 for 120 is a record for the best match figures in any Test at Bridgetown, wiping out the previous best of 10 for 195 by leg-spinner Greville Thomas Scott Stevens for England in 1930

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





Windies clinch series

From Tony Cozier in Jamaica

AS in the third Test another weak batting performance in their first innings left New Zealand with no realistic hope of playing their way back into contention. Yet, a record second wicket partnership of 220 between Jeff Crowe and captain Howarth did breathe new life into their effort on the third day after they had followed on 225 behind only to evaporate rapidly into another 10 wickets defeat on the fourth.

Their confidence and courage was severely tested during the last 55 minutes of the second day after rain had delayed play after tea and, apparently, freshened the pitch which was the fastest and liveliest of the series during that period.

Bowling at ferocious speed and with fearsome hostility, Marshall and Garner unsettled the New Zealand batsman during 10.5 overs with a profusion of short-pitched deliveries.

One ball from Garner struck Coney on his forearm and fractured it, putting him out of the remainder of the match, a serious reversal for New Zealand. Rutherford ducked into Garner's first ball that hit him on the helmet and there was plenty of bobbing, ducking, weaving and sitting down by the batsman.

Coney later blamed the uneven bounce of the pitch for his injury but he, Howarth and manager Dr. John Heslop all publicly complained about the West Indies tactics during that time although there was no official report to the West Indies Board on the matter.

Umpires David Archer and Johnny Gayle did not intervene although it would not have been surprising if they had then and also earlier in the day when Hadlee stirred up the hornet's nest by delivering five bouncers in an over to Garner and a few more to Marshall.

Strangely, the pitch completely changed character during the third day when it was slow and featureless and when the West Indies fast bowlers paid for not adjusting their length accordingly.

A measure of the defensive New Zealand attitude was evident in Howarth's decision not to bat first on winning the toss in spite of a hard pitch and ideal weather conditions.

Hadlee produced an opening spell of six overs of high quality but Greenidge and Haynes survived it to add 82. Haynes and Richardson then putting on a further 62 to build the foundations of what appeared would be a sizeable total.

Greenidge was in full flow when Martin Crowe, at lively medium-pace, went round the wicket and found the outside edge of a tentative bat, his brother taking the resultant catch at first slip, one of six held between them in the innings.

Halfway through the day with 144 for one on the board as a reminder of Howarth's generosity in sending the West Indies in, New Zealand regained some lost ground



Jeff Crowe...scored his second Test century

as Coney's deceptive slow medium bowling accounted for Haynes and Richardson, both caught at point from loose strokes.

When Smith fumbled a clear stumping chance off Bracewell to the fifth ball Richards faced the batsman playing over an ondrive, it appeared an important miss but Hadlee came back for a spell after tea during which he dismissed Richards, leg before on the backfoot, and logie, caught at first slip from a magnificent outwinger, with successive balls.

Just when Gomes, who included a rare six over longon off Bracewell in his 45, and Dujon were putting the innings right again, the second new ball was taken 20 minutes to stumps and, in the day's last over, Hadlee induced Gomes to turn one off his legs low to squareleg.

A crowd that packed Sabina Park to overflowing turned out for the third day in no small measure attracted by the prospect of a big score from Dujon who had whetted their appetites the previous afternoon with seven boundaries in 41.

He added five more in advancing to 70 but then an uncontrolled drive off the left-arm Troup presented a waist high catch to midoff.

Davis edged the next ball to first slip but the last two wickets added 52 before Hadlee ended the innings quarter of an hour after lunch with his fourth wicket Garner caught at gully.

New Zealand had an hour and a half batting before tea and, in that time, they encountered their usual early problems. After half hour, Howarth mistimed a squarecut and presented a gentle, low catch to point.

In the next over, Jeff Crowe's attempted squarecut flew off the edge to second slip and, when Walsh came on in his first Test of the series, Martin Crowe topped a hook stroke to be caught at long-leg.

The situation would have been worse had Coney been caught low, down the legside by Dujon off Walsh when 1 but 40 for three at tea was bad enough. A heavy shower delayed play after tea for an hour and five minutes and then followed the explosive attack of Marshall and Garner.

For all its hostility, however, it yielded only one actual wicket, Rutherford needlessly following the fifth ball of the final over from Marshall, bowling round the wicket, to be caught behind

The rest day appeared to give the pitch time to settle down and it was evident from the start of the fourth day that its life had gone. Garner hit Smith's offstump in his first over with the batsman a long way from the ball but it was left to Davis to take the last four wickets of the innings from 9.5 overs off which he conceded only 10 runs.

He found Hadlee's edge for a wicketkeeper's catch and then brought one back in to bowl Wright after a determined 53. Troup and Chatfield were his other victims, his final figures of four for 19 being his best in Tests.

Richards had no hesitation in sending New Zealand back in and it was not long before Wright seemingly mentally exhausted by his first innings effort skied a catch off a weak hook stroke off Garner.

By now the pitch was placid and the efforts of the bowlers to extract life from it proved futile.

Jeff Crowe enjoyed the change in conditions to such an extent that he hit a six off Richards over midwicket and six fours in scoring 70 in an hour and 50 minutes batting to tea. He passed his second Test century with one of his best strokes, a firm straight drive off Marshall for his 10th four half hour before stumps.

Howarth, gathering confidence, was squarecutting with relish near the end when he was 78. Crowe 108 and New Zealand at 211 for one were only 14 away from making the West Indies bat again.

West Indian tactics were completely altered at the start of the fourth day, Marshall and Garner limiting themselves to strict containment and offering the two New Zealanders little to score from. Marshall conceded only two runs from four overs, Garner four from five, there were only two bouncers and Crowe and Howarth were kept on tight rein.

With the policy implemented to perfection Richards then pulled his trick. He offered up his slow medium stuff and Crowe, who added only four in 13 overs fell for it, lifting an ondrive into midwicket's lap after batting four and three quarter hours without a mistake.



The stand of 220 was New Zealand's best for the second wicket in any Test but the slide to defeat was

now swift and terminal.

In the over following Crowe's dismissal, Howarth's first aggressive stroke of the day, his favourite squarecut off Walsh, was magnificently caught, low to his left, by the tumbling Garner at gully and Walsh startled Martin Crowe with a well-directed bouncer in his next over for his second wicket.

The ball lobbed up as the younger Crowe took hasty, self-protective action and umpire Gayle's decision was fast and positive, although the batsman indicated the diversion was forearm guard, not bat or glove.

Batting without Coney, New Zealand were now left to salvage what they could with their lower order but they could only manage a lead of 58, mostly through another positive innings by Bracewell.

Marshall had four of the last five wickets to carry his aggregate of the series to 27, equalling New Zealander Bruce Taylor's 27 in the 1972 series as the record between the teams.

For the second successive time, Marshall was named Man of the Match and Man of the Series. Yet again, his was the single most effective influence in the West Indies home triumph, their seventh in succession in a home series.

SCORE-BOARD

WEST INDIES - 1st innings

C.G. Greenidge c J. Crowe b M. Crowe	46
D.L. Haynes c J. Crowe b Coney	76
R.B. Richardson c M. Crowe b Coney	30
H.A. Gomes c Wright b Hadlee	45
I.V.A. Richards lbw b Hadlee	23
A.L. Logie c M. Crowe b Hadlee	0
P.J. Dujon c Bracewell b Troup	70
M.D. Marshall lbw b Bracewell	26
W.W. Davis c M. Crowe b Troup	0
J. Garner c M. Crowe b Hadlee	12
C.A. Walsh (not out)	12
Extras (b 7 lbw 9 nb 6)	23
Total	363

Fall of wickets 1 82 2 144 3 164 4 207
5 207 6 273 7 311 8 311 9 339

Bowling: Hadlee 28.4 11.53 4 Troup 17.1 87.2
Chatfield 26.5 85.0 M. Crowe 10.2 30.1 Bracewell 21.5 54.1 Coney 14.3 38.2

NEW ZEALAND - 1st innings

J.G. Wright b Davis	53
G.P. Howarth c Gomes b Marshall	5
J.J. Crowe Richardson b Garner	2
M.D. Crowe c Davis b Walsh	6
J.V. Coney (retired hurt)	4
K.R. Rutherford c Dujon b Marshall	1
I.D.S. Smith b Garner	0
R.J. Hadlee c Dujon b Davis	18
J.G. Bracewell (not out)	25
G.B. Troup c Marshall b Davis	0
F.J. Chatfield b Davis	2
Extras (b-4 lb 1 w-2, nb-15)	22
Total	138

Fall of wickets 1 11 2 15 3 37 4 65 5 68
6 106 7 113 8 122 9 138

Bowling: Marshall 17.3 47.2 Garner 16.0 37.2
Davis 13.5 5.19 4 Walsh 9.1 30.1

NEW ZEALAND - 2nd innings

J.G. Wright c Dujon b Garner	10
G.P. Howarth c Garner b Walsh	84
J.J. Crowe c Marshall b Richards	112
M.D. Crowe c Dujon b Walsh	1
K.R. Rutherford lbw Marshall	5
I.D.S. Smith b Marshall	9
R.J. Hadlee c Walsh b Marshall	14
J.G. Bracewell c Gomes b Marshall	27
G.B. Troup c Richardson b Garner	2
E.J. Chatfield not out	0
J.V. Coney did not bat (injured)	0
Extras	19
Total	283

Fall of wickets 1 13 2 223 3 223 4 228
5 238 6 242 7 259 8 281 9 283

Bowling: Marshall 28.4 8.66 4 (nb 2) Garner 19.8 42.2 (nb 2) Walsh 16.4 45.2 (nb 1) Davis 21.1 75.0 (nb 3) Richards 14.2 34.1 Gomes 3.0 11.0 Richardson 1.1 0.0

WEST INDIES - 2nd innings

C.G. Greenidge (not out)	33
D.L. Haynes (not out)	24
Extras (b-1 lb 1)	2
Total (no wicket)	59

Bowling: Hadlee 5.1 15.0 Troup 3.0 13.0 Chatfield 2.0-10.0 Bracewell 4.0-14.0 Smith 3.1-5.0

WEEK TWO OF A COMPELLING CRICKET SERIES

THE GREAT MATCHES

Ten little Aussie boys Lakered in a row

By Christopher Hilton

ON THE EVENING of Saturday July-28 1956 Jim Laker left the field at Old Trafford very nearly immortal

He had taken nine Australian wickets for 37 and nobody in modern times had taken as many. It would be years if ever, before anybody did it again.

Of more immediate concern was the state of the Fourth Test. England had batted first and made 459. Australia had reached 48 without loss and then simply folded.

The only wicket to elude Laker was taken by his teammate at Surrey, Tony Lock. Fiercely combative, he would expect to take a lot more in the second innings.

If the wicket turned for Laker, it must turn for Lock too.

The Australians followed on an opener. Colin McDonald retired hurt. Neil Harvey, a left hander, came in and committed suicide. He rushed at his first ball and smacked it on the full to mid wicket.

R N Harvey c Cowdrey b Laker 0

At the close Australia were 53 for one.

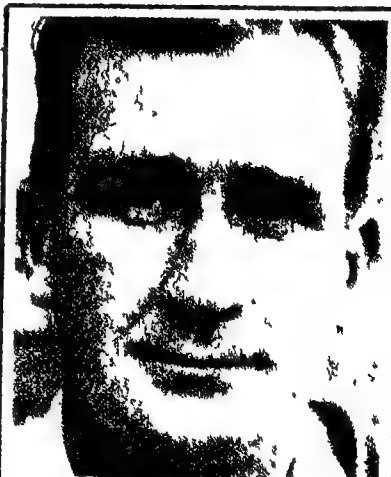
On the Monday it rained and a savage wind blew from the Stretford end. Play didn't begin until after lunch and for a long time only one ball beat the bat—from Lock.

But before the rain came back, drowning play for the day, Jim Burke had pushed forward, the ball had nicked the edge of the bat and gone to leg slip.

J.W Burke c Lock b Laker 33

On the Tuesday play was delayed for ten minutes and when it did begin, it was under a grey sky. The pitch seemed dead. McDonald, who had resumed his innings, and Craig went safely through to lunch adding 28.

If England were to win, time was ebbing away.



Jim Laker, his performance at Old Trafford made him immortal

But during that lunch interval the sun came out and the wicket began to dry. Lovely for spin.

At 2.30 Laker beat Craig through the air. He played back. He should have played forward.

I D Craig lbw Laker 38

The crowd turned towards the pavilion and saw Ken Mackay, lean jawed, dogged, coming down the steps. On good wickets Mackay was an immovable object. On bad wickets he was vulnerable.

Laker surrounded him, six men within five yards of the bat. Mackay probed hopelessly forward and edged the ball into the slips.

K D Mackay c Oakman b Laker 0

That was 124 for 4. Keith Miller was next—once a fighter pilot, debonair, carefree, the maker of breathless centuries and no man, surely, to allow that tight ring of short legs—their hungry hands reaching out—to stay there.

K R Miller b Laker 0

That was 130-5. Ron Archer was an all-rounder, never a match-winner.

this dangerous, chaotic situation. He pushed limply at his second ball and steered it round the corner where the short legs—the predators—were waiting.

R G Archer c Oakman b Laker 0

McDonald, whose innings had begun on Saturday three days before, stood helplessly while everything he had constructed was swept away.

Richie Benaud put some back bone into the innings. He defended with exaggerated care and he and McDonald survived to the tea interval.

Ah, the tea interval. Laker was to remember laconically. During it the pitch dried out even further.

Laker's second ball after it reared and McDonald edged it to the predators.

C C McDonald c Oakman b Laker 89

Ray Lindwall was more than a great fast bowler. He'd made a Test hundred against England, he knew how to bat, and now he settled with Benaud. They were still together at 5 o'clock.

But Laker deceived Benaud. Like Craig he went back when he should have gone forward.

R Benaud b Laker 18

Laker "I had all eight wickets and now it dawned on me that I could achieve cricket history."

A picture comes back of that early evening. Laker, sleeves rolled up, bowling round the wicket through the shadow of the umpire. Sawdust in the creases. And suddenly a great tension as each sharpened off-spinner stabbed at the batsman.

Could Laker get all 10?

"There was to be no conniving from Tony Lock. His orders and his own goal, quite rightly, were to win the match."

no 'arranging' - not in a Test match."

Ian Johnson, the Australian captain, came out to join Lindwall. Johnson went to the umpires to complain that the sawdust might blow in his eyes.

Play on!

Twice Lock beat him—and each time there was a collective gasp all round the ground. This agony lasted 20 minutes.

Then Lindwall went forward, didn't smother the spin properly, and the predators were there again.

R.R. Lindwall c Lock b Laker 8.

Len Maddocks was the last man. He took guard and—with hardly anybody on the ground—darling to breathe—hit Laker for two!

And Lock bowled to Johnson. Please, don't get him out. Johnson is capable of missing a straight one—easily.

Is it a trick of memory? Did Lock now relent in the face of history and bowl six successive balls wide outside the off-stump? Did Johnson, sensing his role in history, simply leave them all alone?

Yes. Looking back across nearly 20 years, I'll swear it happened and thanks to the miracle of television I lived—and died—every nightmare delivery.

And Laker, weary now, moved up into the shadow of the umpire again. First ball—nothing. He moved up a last time. It was 27 minutes past five.

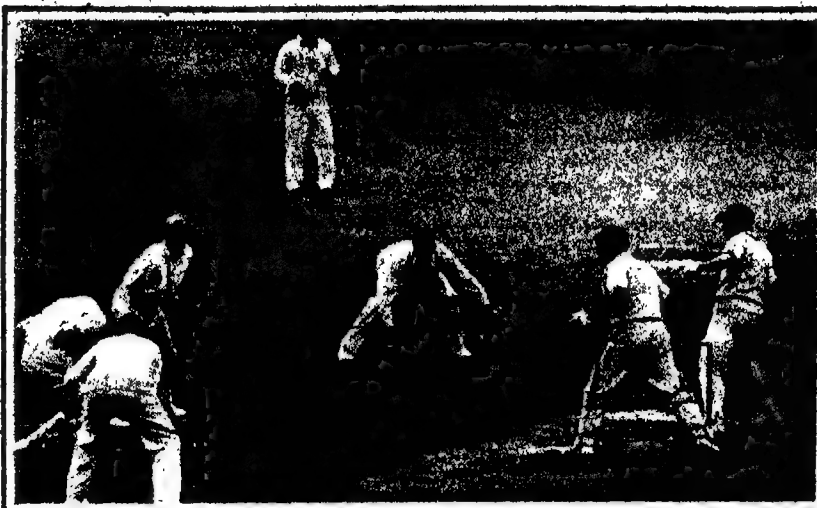
Maddocks, peering from under his cap, shuffled across the stumps, the ball thumped against his pad. Godfrey Evans raised an arm and bellowed an appeal.

Laker swivelled, arms at his side, appealed, too.

L. Maddocks lbw laker 2.

At that instant Laker became immortal.

NEXT WEEK: Seven balls
... into the



Two of Laker's victims... Ken Mackay is seen caught by Oakman for zero in both innings (above and below). Remarkably, the two photographs are practically identical



Old Trafford Scoreboard

ENGLAND—FIRST INNINGS

P Richardson c Maddocks b Benaud	104
C Cowdrey c Maddocks b Lindwall	80
Rev D. Sheppard b Archer	113
P May c Archer b Benaud	43
T Bailey b Johnson	20
C Washbrook lbw Johnson	6
A Oakman c Archer b Johnson	10
G Evans at Maddocks b Johnson	47
J Laker run out	3
A Lock not out	25
B Statham c Maddocks b Lindwall	0
Extras B 2, Lb 5, W 1	8
Total	459

FALL 174, 195, 288, 321, 327, 339, 401, 417, 458.

BOWLING: Lindwall 21-3-6-83-2, Miller 21-6-41-0, Archer 22-6-73-1, Johnson 47-10-151-4, Benaud 47-17-123-2.

AUSTRALIA—FIRST INNINGS

C McDonald c Lock b Laker	32
J Burke c Cowdrey b Lock	22
N Harvey b Laker	0
I Craig lbw Laker	8
K Miller c Oakman b Laker	6
K Mackay c Oakman b Laker	0
R Archer at Evans b Laker	6

R Lindwall not out	8
L Maddocks b Laker	4
I Johnson b Laker	0
Total	84

FALL 48, 48, 62, 62, 62, 73, 73, 78, 84

BOWLING: Statham 6-3-6-0, Bailey 4-3-4-0, Laker 16-4-37-9, Lock 14-3-37-1

SECOND INNINGS

C McDonald c Oakman b Laker	89
J Burke c Lock b Laker	33
N Harvey c Cowdrey b Laker	0
I Craig lbw Laker	38
K Mackay c Oakman b Laker	0
K Miller b Laker	0
R Archer c Oakman b Laker	0
R Benaud b Laker	18
R Lindwall c Lock b Laker	8
I Johnson not out	1
L Maddocks lbw Laker	2
Extras B 12, Lb 4	16
Total	205

FALL: 28, 55, 114, 124, 130, 130, 181, 198, 203.

BOWLING: Statham 16-9-15-0, Bailey 20-8-31-0, Laker 51-2-23-53-10, Lock 55-30-89-0, Oakman 8-3-21-0.

Umpires: F.R. Lee and E. Davies.



THE STROKE OF THE TOURNAMENT: Krish Srikkanth goes down on one knee and creams Andy Roberts for a four during the World Cup final at Lord's

'We wunnit, mate!'

By Prof. Shankar Abhyankar

TWENTY-FIFTH June, 1983. All roads were not only leading, but running and rushing with madness to Lord's. Saturday was rather wet and damp. Lord's seemed a little reluctant to open the gates. Even MCC members had to queue, but the weather was fine and the crowd bubbling and expectant when Lloyd won the toss and sent India in.

That was the perfect setting for Prudential Cup final of 1983. India's magnificent entry into the final stirred the whole world and Indians flew into Britain from all directions. Four from Belgium had already paid £70 each for tickets on the black market. On the morning of the match, the same £10 tickets were

going for £20.

Dilip Sardesai, the former Indian Test player, had heard of the great semi-final in which India defeated England with a handsome margin of six wickets and had announced to his wife that he'll go to London.

"The Prudential World Cup was a triumph not just for India but for game, the glorious unpredictable game of cricket which, in the space of 16 days produced Zimbabwe's victory over Australia, Sri Lanka's over New Zealand, and India's over first, the West Indies in the first round, next over England in the semi-final and then, 'incredibly' the humbling of West Indies again in a

final of classic palm-sweating tension."

There was no disputing that on paper the West Indies had the better side and the bookmakers had made them such firm favourites, that to even consider an Indian victory seemed a waste of time. Nothing that happened in the early part of the match looked likely to prove the bookmakers wrong.

Roberts and Garner were so hostile that survival became the only possibility for the Indian batsmen. Having scored only two runs, Gavaskar played a stroke off an indecision and was caught behind. Then Srikkanth opened out his

decided to play the game that, if it could be sustained for more than two hours, would make him the most exciting player the game has ever known. He cut Garner over the slips for four, drove Roberts to midwicket for another four and then contemptuously hooked the same bowler for a glorious six.

One square drive - down on one knee - was really breath taking. In fact, that was the genius stroke, of the entire tournament. Srikanth's 38 runs came off 57 balls, before Marshall intervened as dramatically as ever, catching the batsman leg before as he tried to hit across the line. Between then and lunch India, in the eyes of most observers, lost the match.

With lunch approaching, Holding produced a beauty that penetrated the impregnable defence of Mohinder Amarnath. That in-swinging was such a beauty that it could possibly have bowled any good batsman. When preservation and caution was needed, Yashpal Sharma committed the sin of

throwing away his wicket in trying to lift Gomes over cover.

After lunch, Kapil Dev played two fine shots off Gomes, and then went for a six, forgetting the fact that Lord's had a longer boundary than Tunbridge Wells and was caught at long-on. That was the signal for the downward slide and five wickets were gone in 7 overs for 40 runs. Only Sandeep Patil showed some quality, but alas, for a flash.

The tail fought on with honour, especially Kirmani and the tall Sandhu, who got a bouncer on his helmet from Marshall for his impudence. By 3.15 p.m. India were all out for 183 and many supporters were already starting to drift away rather than face the inevitable humiliation. It now seemed a question of how soon and by how many.

But there was an early shock for West Indies when Sandhu, dismissed Greenidge with a superb in-cutter for a single. Greenidge lifted

his bat and offered no stroke at a ball which pitched outside the off-stump; cut in sharply and comprehensively bowled the bewildered batsman.

Then Viv Richards burst on the scene with such fury and power that his brilliance made everyone present at Lord's feel that the final was going to be a one-sided affair. The world's greatest batsman was dominating the proceedings. Richards hit fours, each unstoppable, including two in Madan Lal's first over.

Then came that fatal hook when Richards mistimed his stroke when attempting to lift Madan Lal over mid-wicket and Kapil, running back, took a well-judged catch.

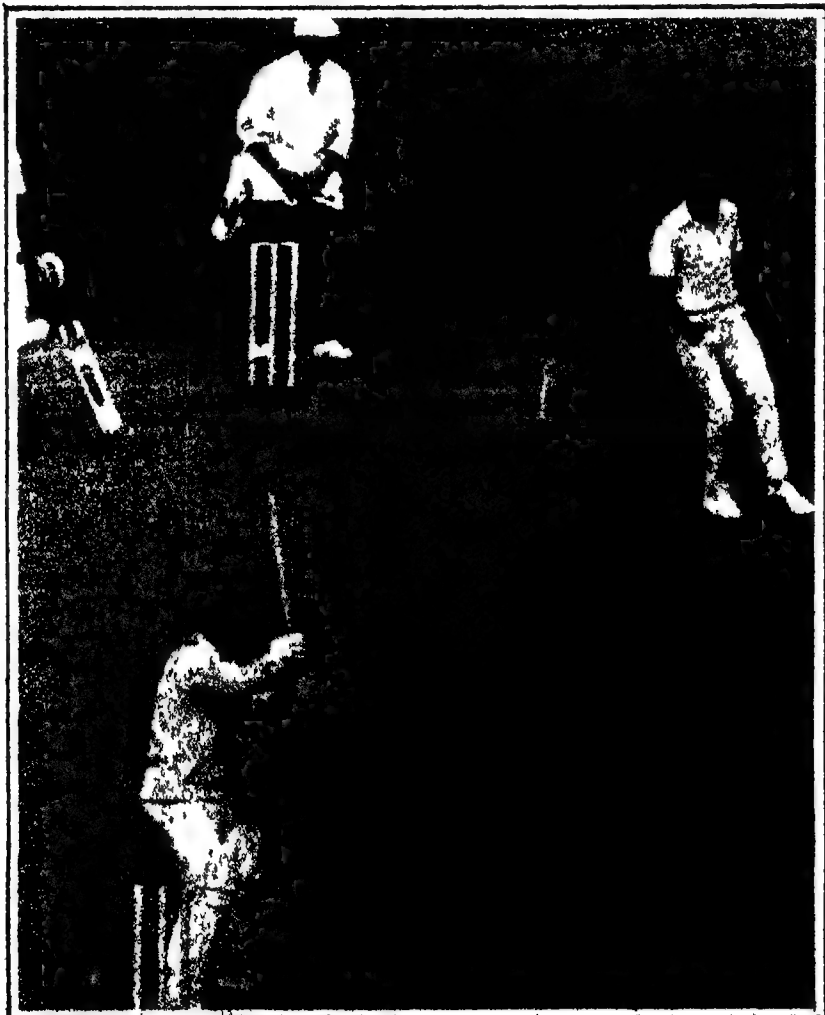
Nine runs later, Madan Lal made Gomes edge him to Gavaskar, the first of the two vital slip catches which enabled the little master to at least a share of the glory and in the 19th over, Lloyd, needing a runner to protect a pulled muscle, gave mid-off a comfortable catch. Haynes had already succumbed to fighter Madan and West Indies were 76 for 5 after 25 overs, and the ground was buzzing like a disturbed hive.

Small boys who had been chasing excitedly up and down the boundary ropes, cheering every ball and madly waving India's tricolour. From another part of the multitude, came an old familiar sound, the rhythmical chink-chink-chink of West Indians with beer cans.

Dujon and Marshall managed to inch the score from 76 to 119 during 16 intense overs before Dujon fell to a loose one from Amarnath. Another innocent-looking seamer from Amarnath moved a fraction and there was Gavaskar hanging on to Marshall edge at slip. Kapil returned for a final onslaught and had Roberts lbw. Garner and Holding lasted 25 agonizing minutes before Amarnath beat Holding and umpire Bird's uplifted finger pushed the crown finally from the West Indian head.

The crowd swarmed on to the field and Indians, from all round the globe, celebrated their famous victory with fervent joy. The West Indians were on the verge of tears and Marshall sobbed like a child. It was a day to savour, a monument to the greatest of games.

Throughout the night the celebrations were cavorting higher and higher. Two Sikhs caught a rather embarrassed Tony Lewis, the former England captain, and pouring champagne on his head and fixing a tremendous kiss on his cheek proclaimed, "We wunnit, mate!"



EARLY SHOCK... balls fly as Gordon Greenidge is bowled by a superb incutter from Mohinder Sandhu for one run



EXCLUSIVE: BOOK SERIAL

In pursuit of the Poms

By Dennis Lillee



FOR REASONS historical or sentimental Australians have always attached a very special significance to their cricketing relationship with England. This goes for both players and non-players, but especially the players.

Whether this will remain so for eternity I cannot say but every small boy of my era (and of my father's era (and I have no doubt of the era of his father before him) had one overpowering ultimate ambition in his cricket thoughts if he had any ambition at all. And that was to play against England, or Australia (if English).



Tony Greig... a swashbuckler

Any number of Australian cricketers will confirm this. It is a fact of life. I have said it before, but it will do no harm to say it again: as far as I am concerned the only Test matches Australia treats as the ultimate cricketing contests are those against England. These are the games which fire the love-hate relationship Australia has had with England since I guess the convict days.

It is a relationship that spreads itself well beyond the bounds of cricket, of course – well beyond the bounds of all sport. It is a constant incentive to cricketers. It is almost a matter of instinct.

This aspect apart there is one other very individual feature of cricket relations with England. English players have always been utterly professional in their approach to the game. The Poms are not only professional in status but in their habits and their thinking, too.

It gives them an initial advantage over those players from other countries whose enthusiasm and skill alone have taken them to Test level. While these qualities are important enough, they may not be enough in the tight, tense situations that a closely-contested Test match may throw up.

It is precisely in moments of crisis that professionalism really counts – and English players have drawn on this commodity with telling effect for so many years that I suggest the word 'professional' is not a dirty word and never has been. Being a thinking player is hardly something to be ashamed of, no matter what your level of cricket.

I have met very few first-class English players – and I am not by any means talking solely of Test players – who do not have this distinctly professional approach. It gives them the power, which is enhanced by constant application, to dissect opposition players in a deliberate and methodical manner. It

will not always bring victory but it will bring fewer defeats.

The Englishman's method of playing the game is based on the principle that defeat must be avoided. In those circumstances a draw can be as satisfying as a win.

First of all says the English player: let's look for a draw. If we then see an opening we will try to exploit it. If by doing that we get on top then we will try to force a win. But the paramount philosophy – not just for the captain but for all 11 players – seems to be to save the game at all costs. In other words don't lose it.



Mike Brearley... marvellous ability

If that philosophy were carried to its logical conclusion, no side would ever lose a Test series! Cricket does not always follow logic, of course, for too many factors are involved at the highest level. But their basic objective of every game of cricket is to prevent your opponents beating you.

England were lucky – during my playing days – to be led by some really outstanding men, though equally there have been, in my opinion, some distinctly ordinary captains.

For pure strategy, one of the best captains I have seen in any part of the world was the first English Test skipper I played against – Ray Illingworth. I rated him very highly at the time and I have never had cause to change my opinion.

He was, of course, a professional to the core, nurtured in the demanding school of Yorkshire cricket. Although he had left Yorkshire by the time he captained England in Australia, he still thought and played like a Yorkshireman.

Illingworth was a very tough nut who would not hear of defeat. And he could really read a game. In the field, he never allowed an opponent a moment's relaxation – which is as it should be. Too many captains allow a game simply to drift along on occasions and therefore forfeit the initiative. Illingworth was faster than any other captain of my time to seize the initiative and retain it. He was a highly effective general among his players. I can assure you he was a feared opponent.

I must say I was sorry when, on his eventual return to Yorkshire, his career was caught up in the domestic struggles of the Boycott Affair – a tale which made particularly unhappy reading to anyone who knew the participants.

As captain of England, Illingworth was a very hard hat to follow – and Mike Denness, a Scotsman who'd come down to Kent – certainly found it so. As a leader, he was streets behind Illingworth. I didn't rate him very highly at all. He lacked the flair to be a captain at Test level and his shortcomings were exposed and underlined when he ran into an Australian side in superb gear under Ian Chappell.

That 1974-75 tour of Australia, which so badly found Denness out as a leader and a batsman, will always be one of my fondest memories (and we get back here to the old Australia versus England feeling). It was always something special to beat the Poms, but to do it as comprehensively as we did that summer was beautiful, just beautiful.



TOP Ian Botham – irrepresible in everything he does. BELOW Bob Willis – epitome of an English pro.



The Australian side of the time would have tested any captain of any team in the world. I'll go further than that – we'd have beaten any team in the world at that period of time.

It surprised no-one when Denness's short reign as captain came to an end. Standing ready, all 6ft 7ins of him, was Tony Greig. He was a pretty experienced cricketer by the time he was appointed skipper, to a background of rumblings about his South African birth and upbringing.

Greig was a swashbuckler, a tough man who expected similar toughness of his players. As a competitor, he was very fierce, much as Ian Botham was to be later on. But Greig certainly led by example and his players gave him everything.

For all his considerable value to England as a genuine all-rounder throughout a career of 58 Tests, I always thought he was a better player before he became captain.

As leader, he became a little more defensive in both his bowling and his batting. Definite losses, I thought, but no doubt a result of the pressures of captaincy and what is expected of you as such. Nevertheless, Tony Greig was well worth his place in any England side, as captain or otherwise.

The same could not be said of Mike Brearley. Here was a cricketer who will always be remembered much more for his captaincy than for his playing ability. Like Denness, I felt Brearley was not really worth a place in the England side as a batsman, though he did play some valuable innings. As a captain, however, he was very good. Of course he was good, but I still believe he was over-rated.

Brearley, though, had a marvellous ability to communicate with his players, a huge asset in successful captaincy. This, added to his undoubted capacity to think, enabled him to get the very best out of his team. It saw him out of some pretty tight situations, too, in much the same way that Ray Illingworth was able to extricate himself from trouble. That's always the hallmark of a top captain.

It was Brearley, of course, who returned to take over the England helm from Ian Botham midstream in Australia's 1981 tour of England. After Trent Bridge and Lord's, Botham had had enough of the captaincy and the selectors – and the selectors – had had enough of him.

On the evidence of just those two Tests – the only times I saw Botham lead at Test level – I don't think



David Gower . a rare talent and the hope for the English side

it fair or proper that I should form a judgement of him as a captain and I don't propose to do so

It has always been infinitely debatable whether an all-rounder should be given the additional burden of captaincy or merely left to concentrate on making runs and taking wickets. Some players take the extra responsibility in their stride and thrive on it, others don't. There are no rules.

As a cricketer pure and simple – if those are the appropriate words to apply to Ian Botham – there is a great deal of the irrepressible in almost everything Botham does. His tremendous record, not least the huge harvest of wickets he has taken for England, vouches for his talent.

In his attitude to the game he is much more Australian than English. He is the sort of bloke who will walk on to a field and try and bowl an entire side out. He tries to get a wicket every ball. That's contrary to the typical English attitude. By bowling the way he does, especially against good batsmen, Botham can expose himself to a lot of punishment. But as he has shown – often when it most matters – he also gets a lot of wickets.

It's much the same with his bat-

ting. Rarely do you see Botham defend whatever his position in the order. He goes out there to get on top of the attack and take it apart.

I have often been asked how I rate Ian Botham as an all-rounder. His record, certainly, is enviable, though distinctly less impressive on Australian soil. On paper he must be up among the best all-rounders of all time, although it's impossible to put him in the same category as Sir Garfield Sobers. Taking everything into account, Sir Garfield beats Botham handsomely, although the record book may disagree.

One of Botham's closest friends and another formidable wicket-taker for England has been Bob Willis. His career, like mine, was prematurely terminated several times by the critics, who must have been very embarrassed when he came back to take more wickets.

Willis has been on the scene for a long time – remember he first toured Australia in 1970-71 – so he's got real staying power and determination as well as ability.

To me, Willis is the epitome of an English professional. A very solid, experienced and consistent performer, he attacks or defends exactly as the situation requires. If the

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batsmen are on top, he is prepared to play the defensive role – to wait and then strike. When a wicket falls, he goes in with all his power to follow up the advantage. It is the age-old English school of professionalism, the in-built knowledge of how best to exploit an opponent.

What of Willis the captain? He does not exactly shine forth, but then he has not exactly had the best of sides under his command. In those circumstances he has certainly done a good job. He will be seen, I think, as a captain who did all he possibly could with the material at his disposal. He earned and maintained the respect of his side from his obvious ability, but I think that ability faded a little as his career neared its end. Fast bowlers know all about the ageing process.

England have known a lot of humility in the past few years. One wonders to what depths they might have descended without the batting of David Gower.

A great player, Gower, and when he captained England twice in Pakistan, after Willis became ill and had to go home, he reacted well to the responsibility and was able to maintain his form with the bat.

When the tour was over, the chairman of the England selectors, Peter May, said there was "still some way to go" before Gower could be given the England captaincy on a regular basis.

If May was typifying England's way of thinking, I may have to eat many of the words I've said about the Poms' professionalism. Then again, I may be confusing professionalism with ultra-conservatism.

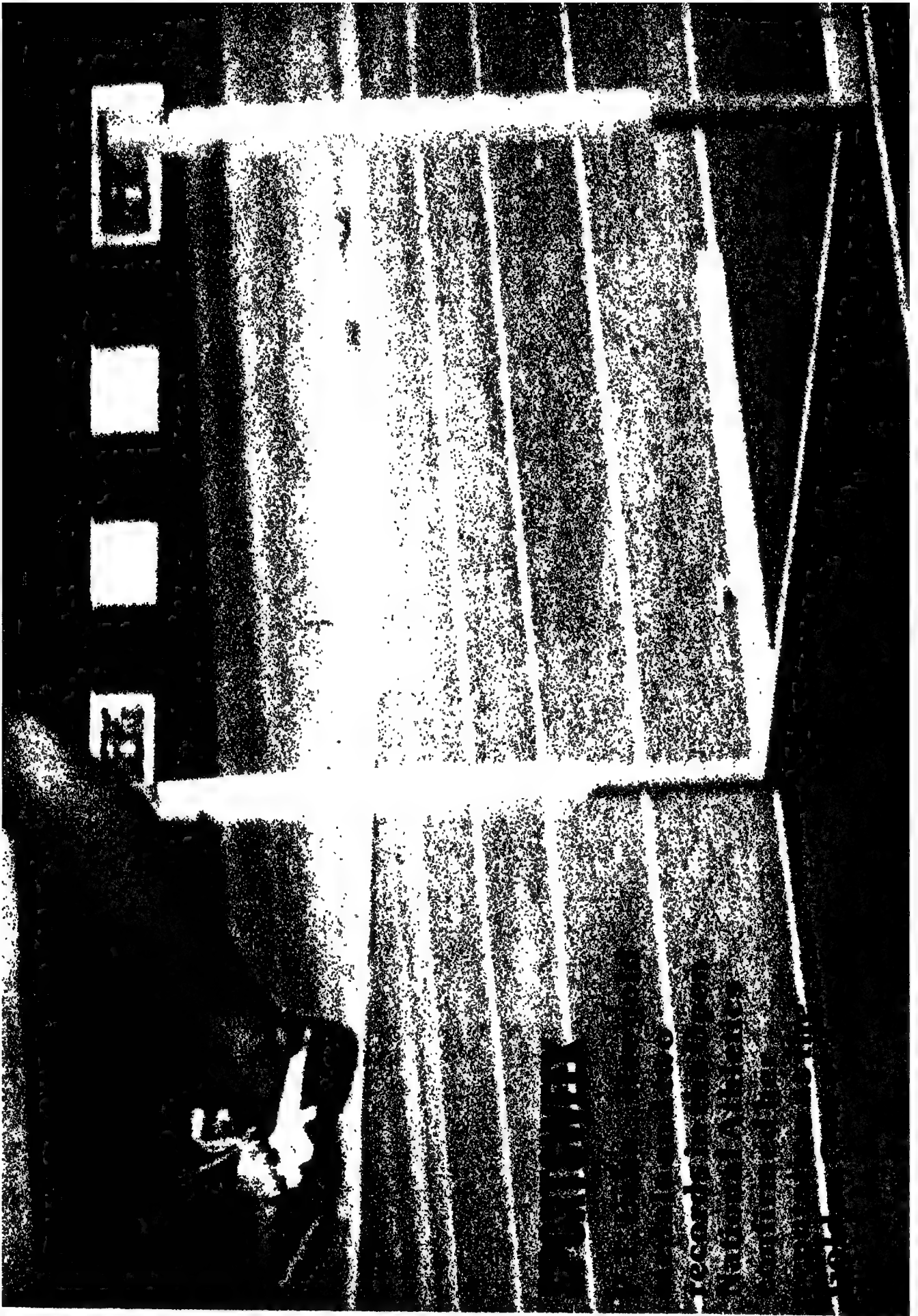
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**Shiny Abraham... with
two golds and a silver
has emerged as one of
the finest athletes in
the country and a
distinct prospect for
the coming Asian
Games**







Adille Sumariwala... a photo finish at the Open Nationals all right. But Adille is still the sprint king in the country.



Railways on a winning track



Adille Sumariwalla (600) winning the 100m for men from Rami Reddy (349) and G. Srinivasan (130) who took the third spot

RAILWAYS were on the right track. For the first time they won the men's team title in the annual XXIV All-India Open Amateur Athletic Championships. They scored a 117-99 win over the mighty services to whom they had lost 126-104, last year at Bombay.

The meet was held at the Chandrashekaran Nair flood-lit Stadium, and Kerala was playing host for the first time, though they have organised the Inter-State Championship on numerous occasions.

Still, the fact should be faced that this is not really a good place to hold the nationals as the track has only six lanes and also, it is not the right time as our season begins in October-November and athletes cannot be expected to be in good form over such a length of time.

This is not meant to detract from

the job done by the hosts. The organisers, Kerala State Police, did an absolutely terrific job. And it was indeed natural that athletes responded with equal fervour.

The first track event itself – the 100m women's heats – produced a national record (11.6s), and that too by none other than the favourite "daughter of the soil", Olympian P.T. Usha. Barely two hours later, not to be outdone by her more illustrious colleague, M.D. Valsamma another star from the host State, came up with the best-ever performance by an Indian in her now-favourite event, the 100m hurdles – 13.9s.

Two national records on the opening day itself. It was a great start. "I expected to run much better, closer to 13.7, but as the event was held so late in the

evening I could not do my best," said a limping Valsamma, after she had knocked the last hurdle with her knee. "I'll definitely run faster in the finals."

But it was not to be. As the events progressed, the track loosened and Valsamma had to be content with 14.4s in the finals. Yasmeen Saifudeen, India's no.2 in the event came a cropper as she hit the fourth hurdle and was forced to stop.

The women's section did not produce any thrills or surprises. Except for the long jump in which the upcoming Ashwini Nachappa lost to O.M. Rosilly by a mere centimetre, all other events were one sided.

The meet further emphasised the versatility and supremacy of P.T. Usha. Of the four meet records set



LEFT: P.T. Usha winning the 400m ahead of Shiny Abraham (left) and Vandana Rao (right). RIGHT: M.D. Valsamma on the way to win the 100m hurdles. Coping in second is Sandra Govindan of Mauritius

on track she had a hand in all – two relays, 400m hurdles and 100m run. The only other record came in the women's high jump when Elizabeth Mathai, a medical student, cleared 1.62m to defend her title won at Bombay last year.

It is surprising that Usha has still not improved her hurdle clearance, nor has she worked on the run in between the hurdles. If she does this then only can she surpass her fantastic performance of last year. True, she improved on her meet record of 58.5s set last year by clocking 56.8s, but it was no where near her national record of 55.42s.

Others to have done well in the women's section included Suman Rawat who retained her 3000m and 1500m titles won in Bombay. "My aim for 3000m was 9.40. But last month's illness which forced me to leave the national camp did not help. I have hardly trained since. So I just ran to win," said Suman. "It was only after winning the 3000 in a slow 10:2.4s that I felt confident of defending my 1500 title. Thank God I made it," added a relieved Suman.

Shiny Abraham won an unexpected gold in the 200m. In the absence of Usha she clocked 24.4s while Ashwini (25.0) and Sany Joseph (25.1) finished second and third respectively.

Bhaktawar Khambatta won the shot put but not before she was given a fight by the visiting M.Samba from Mauritius.

Though no records were established in the men's section, there were many thrills and dramatic finishes. The most surprising being the gruelling 50 km walk which – believe it or not – produced a photo finish as both Mainpal Singh and

Bir Singh returned identical timing of 5:1:59s.

The high point of this dramatic finish started a km before the finish. K.G. Gowda was leading till then. Unfortunately his shoes gave way and since it was too hot to walk with bare feet he opted to change his footwear. It was then that his services colleagues Mainpal and Bir overtook him.

Gowda who had led from the 25km mark had to settle for the third place while Mainpal was awarded the top spot, thus completing a hat-trick of wins in this event. He had won in earlier '83 and '84.

Other close finishes came in the 100m and 110m hurdles. In both events the first three runners returned identical times. The verdict in the 100m went in favour of defending champion Adille Sumariwalla. Rami Reddy (Rly) and G.Srinivas (Del) were adjudged second and third.

In the hurdles Vijay Kumar (Ser) was declared first, S.A. Naidu (Rly) second and Benny John (Ser) third.

Bagicha Singh (Steeet Plant), supremely fit and confident after his recent 3:45.48s (fourth fastest Indian ever) run at Port of Spain, ran a good tactical race in the 5,000m. The strong contenders for this event were defending champion Suresh Yadav, who having failed to qualify from the Services was running in AAFI colours, Hakam Singh, the Madras Inter State winner and P. Solamuthu, last year's 5,000m silver medallist.

Strangely, Bagicha had a neck to neck fight with Solamuthu – who kept up a good pace and led uptil the homestretch. It was here that Bagicha forged ahead. "I knew I could out-kick him at the end", said Bagicha, who was content with letting the others set the pace. Bagicha finished in 3:49.1s to Solamuthu's 3:49.5s.

The surprise in the 800m event



Shiny Abraham takes the oath at the opening ceremony



Rajinder Sharma winning the 800m

was not Rajinder Sharma's (Rly) victory, but defending champion Bagicha's failure to set a fast pace or move sooner to take command. "After 500m, I knew I could win this race," said 22-year-old Raji-

nder later. Till then he was trailing last. Moving into the outer lane he picked up momentum to move from sixth to third between 500 and 700m. "On the home stretch being in a good position to use my superior speed, I just shot past Bagicha and Charles hoping I would be able to reach the tape before they caught up." Indeed, he just managed to do so finishing in 1:52.6s as Bagicha and Charles fought it out for the minor placings.

C.S. Bajwa was favourite to win a double – the 200m and the 400m. But in the shorter race he had to be content with a bronze, finishing behind Anand Shetty (21.6s) and G. Srinivas (21.7s). "I don't know what happened. My limbs felt so stiff, I just could not move," lamented Bajwa.

The 400m, however, was a different story. Running in lane three, he shot out of the blocks so powerfully that he was alongside former international Paviter Singh who was in lane four, even before the first quarter of the race was covered. "I wanted the race under my control before the 200m mark," – and true to his word he did it, romping home to a comfortable win in 48.2s. "The slow time is due to the loose track. During the heats, striding easily I had clocked almost the same," said Bajwa. Defending champion Rajinder Sharma finished second in 48.7s.

There was speculation that the 5000m would be a ding-dong battle between defending champion Raj Kumar (Rly), and national record holder and Services champion P. Solamuthu. But Raj Kumar had other plans! Right from the gun

he set a killing pace. "Solamuthu tried to keep up with him but wisely gave up the attempt soon. "I ran to a plan, a fixed target, and I achieved it," said Raj Kumar after breasting the tape.

The race was probably the most one sided, as every lap saw the lead widen by more than five metres. Solamuthu realising the futility of chasing Raj Kumar set his own pace to finish second, more than 100m behind Raj Kumar. "I was quite satisfied with this run. My aim is to peak during the Asian Track and Field Meet in September where I hope to run under 14min. and probably improve my national record of 13:46.40," said Raj confidently.

Similarly, the 10,000m too ended in an anti-climax after hopes were raised of it turning into a nailbiting affair. The see-saw battle between S. Pichiah (Ser) and Vinod Kumar (Rly) went on till the last three laps when Pichiah abruptly collapsed on the track, leaving Vinod to canter in for an easy win in 29:56.4s.

The silver went to Vijay Kumar who finished more than 350m behind. "I think it was the flood lights. I started feeling giddy and had no option but to stop," whispered the semi-conscious Pichiah.

With a day to recover and some pep talk from his coaches, he was back to face the starters gun in the 3,000m steeplechase. The 'never-say-die' attitude of our Serviceman was evident in his act. Bidding his time lying behind the pack of the early leaders, he slowly moved ahead at the half way stage. Then on there was no faltering. His winning time of 8:53.8 put him in the



Rajinder Sharma about to breast the tape first in the 3000 m run. At second position is Mohinder Kaur



seventh place in our all-time ranking list "Luckily the race was over before the flood-lights came on, said the champ with a wink

The marathon had six runners who had donned Indian colours this season at the starting line But it produced an unexpected winner in the diminutive (5ft, 45kg) Murlu Dhar, a sub-inspector in the BSF Having so many stars nobody wanted to set a fast pace Around 20km, feeling the pace too slow I shot out, said Murlu To my surprise nobody followed me By 25km I was confident of being among the medals But when I was alone even

at 30km, I knew that if I could maintain this pace I would win ' Of the others expected to do well only Sumer Singh and Savio D'Souza finished second and third respectively We were too tired There was no strength left in us We have run nearly a dozen marathons this season said Prahlad Singh who could not finish the race

Balwinder Singh (SPSCB) avenged his shock defeat at the hands of the veteran Bahadur Singh at the Madras Inter-State by tossing the iron ball 17.85m I could have put it over 18m, said Balwinder but the circle was a bit

slippery Not only that, to be honest, I am not fully fit. My left knee still gives me trouble, but I hope to be at my best for the Asian T & F," he said

As was expected, the Railways swept all before them to clinch the team championship in the women's section In fact they have never lost it right from the time, it was instituted

Flight Lt P P Mathews, manager of the dethroned champs Services, acknowledged that the Railways were better, but next year it will be a different story he promised

SUHAS NAIR

ATHLETICS SIDELIGHTS...

Rules implemented

It was indeed good to see the quick implementation of the changed rules which were adopted by the XXIV IAAF Congress at Los Angeles just prior to the start of the Olympic Games

The rules came into effect from April 1 1985

Though initially after two events of the heptathlon and decathlon were over the scores were calculated by the old scoring tables it was soon rectified and the new table used

Similarly the new rule which says Lanes will no longer be drawn randomly through the 800m except for heats After the heats the four fastest advancing times in each race of the next round will draw for lanes 3-6 and remaining times will draw for lanes 1 2 and 7 outward was also implemented but with slight modification as here there were only six lanes

Usha's milestone

THE 11.6s run over 100m by P T Usha is the fastest by an Indian

It equalled the legendary Chi Cheng's Asian Games record set in 1970

P T Usha has achieved many a milestone since she first appeared on the running scene seven years ago The electrifying run in the heats of the 100m which produced the national record was her 100th run - another milestone, and maybe there are still a lot more to come

Confused jumper

ANNAVI cleared 2.12m more than he did a year ago Here he

did just 2.00m How come?

Well, Annavi is a very confused jumper During the high jump V K Verma, the AAFI secretary who is also the RSCB secretary, ordered Annavi who represents the Railways to do the Fosbury flop Annavi said that he would like to do his usual straddle But Verma was adamant saying, In Paris you had done 2.05m in flop style So do flop upto 2.05m and they you can switch to straddle Annavi pleaded and finally Verma relented



V K Verma in conversation with Annavi



Usha moves past Valsamma in the 400m hurdles

THE personal touch of the Kerala State Director General Of Police, M K Joseph, was evident even before the meet commenced He could be seen checking and re-checking every arrangement to its last detail

Even a robbery in his house two days prior to the meet, in which he was relieved of goods worth around Rs.20,000 did not dampen his enthusiasm

"This is just the beginning, we hope to host many more national and if possible international meets," said the ever-smiling and helpful DGP Joseph.

By David D'Souza

INDIA'S BRUSSELS DISCONNECTION

The plot thickens

IF EVER the likes of Forsyth or Higgins care to immerse their typewriter-stained fingers into 'FIH's Indian Connection', the end product would surely read like one of their whodunits.

The ingredients are there, along with the locale and the players cast in this sordid drama are well-versed in their roles as villains and tin can heroes.

The plot thickens. From the slushy humid props of Dhaka, onto the beautiful cool settings of Brussels in Europe and down into the musty corridors of Delhi, the tale has taken so many twists and about turns that to straighten it would require super human efforts.

When Ashwini Kumar made the statement a week ago about India getting the boot from the International Hockey Federation, he probably meant it as an elder wagging his finger at an errant youngster who failed to have his bath before hopping into the bed and telling him that if he did it again, the bogey man will come and get him.

Or else, he was playing his cards for someone else superbly.

I for one propose to vote for the latter

Ashwini Kumar is a vice-President of the International Olympic Committee and a former president of the Indian Hockey Federation. He was in Brussels when the Indian players, the manager and the coaches got the axe.

With the events weighing heavily in his heart he came back to the country and told the correspondents that the FIH Big Chief is likely to suspend India from their fold on administrative and disciplinary grounds.

These insidious comments of course, need to be read between the lines.

I can only surmise that Ashwini Kumar was laying the ground-work for the Indian Olympic Association's takeover bid of the India Hockey Federation when he said

that the government and the IOA will certainly straighten out IHF.

Few days later came the shocker that Etienne Glichitch the FIH Big Chief, never even thought of sacking India, leave alone telling Ashwini Kumar about it.

In a telex message to the Indian Hockey Federation interim president Raja Bhalendra Singh a copy of which is with the secretary, K.L. Passi, he says: "I strongly state that there is no truth in this and at no time such an action was even considered. I'm shocked and surprised"

As for the other matter (suspensions), he has justified it in crisp worded statements about the Indian behaviour at Dhaka.

He said that the hockey world would like the IHF to regain its past strength and prestige to which incidents like those at Dhaka or during the Palghat Nationals cannot do any good.

"In conclusion, he says: "I'm sure that the necessary steps will be taken at the national level to achieve this and the International federation will always support the Indian federation in its effort to regain its position, which I must say, is not, at the moment, what it used to be much to the regret of the many friends that India count in the hockey world community."

This statement-refuting in plaguing the Indian scene for quite some time now.

At the time of writing, the Indian Hockey Federation has denied having been requested by the Indian Olympic Association to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the suspension of the hockey players

"The IHF has not received any communication from the IOA on the subject," said the IHF joint secretary, Kartar Singh.

The IOA had told pressmen a few days ago that they had requested IHF to hold the EM to discuss the

suspension and also the venue and the dates for the annual general body meeting and the elections.

Like I said earlier, the plot thickens. Enter, mystery writers.

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THE NEXT time you flex your muscles and bask in the ruddy of your prime health, you can thank the joint venture by the International Olympic Committee and the World Health Organisation for it.

The IOC and the WHO have made what could be termed as a most significant joint venture in the field of sport and by the year 2000, this venture will see more and more people on the road to physical fitness and less and less in the smoke, bar and snack rooms

These two organisations have felt the need for physical activity and they have decided to win this battle with time which is a race in which there can be only winners.

PARTING SHORT:

JAGATJIT COTTON TEXTILES, Phagwara are a football team that on their day can be judged as the best in the land. They've got the guts the speed and the technique to withstand modern soccer.

Their showing at Bangalore however this year has not justified this statement.

After their two recent victories in the Sait Nagjee and the Madura Coats, their sojourn into this year's Federation Cup Soccer tournament was jinxed.

The 2-0 loss against East Bengal was their third consecutive defeat. They had earlier lost to local league champs HAL, and Central Excise, Cochin.

I guess they could not stomach the pre-semis defeat and they picked on a small incident to fuel their rage. (see exclusive pics. next page).



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JCT MILLS, PHAGWARA

How low can they get?



Photo: Santosh Chandra

JCT's WORST PERFORMANCE: TOP: Deepak clearly assaulting linesman M. Rayan, when he signalled the second goal in favour of East Bengal. Parminder (centre) seems excited while Balwinder Singh runs to lend a hand to assault the linesman. MIDDLE: D

THE IX FEDERATION Cup Football tournament suddenly came alive last week with a lot of excitement, suspense and thrills. But with just the second leg of the second semi-final yet to be played, it is almost certain that an all-Calcutta final will take place on Sunday May 19.

Mohun Bagan are already there, but they made it by the skin of their teeth and the tremendous pluck shown by goalkeeper Pratap Ghosh, while East Bengal are sitting pretty after a 2-0 triumph over Punjab State Electricity Board in the first leg-semi-final.

Reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting never even made it to the semi-finals. They needed a 3-0 victory over Dempo, Goa in their last Group 8 encounter, but all they managed was a 1-0 success, the goal coming just a minute before close.

But that was a heart-breaking moment for Dempo, for they needed a draw to pull through. Sporting never clicked as a combination and the only pep in their attack came from Sanjib Bhattacharya. Shabbir Ali is certainly down the hill and Narendra Thapa and Majid Bhaskar



Balwinder snatching Rayan's flag did hardly anything worthwhile.

Sporting, held by PSEB in their first match and then by lowly CIL in the next, were a frustrated lot as time ticked away in their match against Dempo. And in the dying stages, they probably decided on one thing:— if we don't make it neither does Dempo—and that's exactly what happened as their 1-0 win knocked Dempo out and put PSEB through.

What a sad tournament this has been for the Goa teams. Salgaocar,

after holding Bagan goalless in the first leg, had them on their knees in the second, leading 3-1 in the tie-breaker after two superb saves by Brahmanand off Krishendu Roy and specialist Mihir Bose.

But then the tide turned and it was Bagan's courageous custodian Pratap Ghosh who foiled Derek Pereira and Norbert Gonsalves and it became 3-3. Subrata Bhattacharjee put Bagan ahead when the 'Sudden death' started and Antonio Joao's fullblooded shot hit the upright and



Antonio Joao falls to head in the goal off a flagkick by Mauricio with PSEB goalkeeper



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out went Salgaocar.

It was, however, a pathetic victory for Bagan for their reputation is in tatters. They were under pressure right through after the fifth minute goal by Babu Mani as Salgaocar exploited the chinks in their defence.

But they somehow held on and Salgaocar could equalise in the very last minute. Poor Pratap Ghosh had no chance to stop that one for there was a big mix-up in front of goal and Derek Pereira made the most of it.

In the very first shot of the tie-breaker, Pratap diving to his left, failed to stop a Lawrence Gomes shot but in the process, hit the upright with his shoulder. Even as he was writhing in pain behind the post, Brahmanand foiled Krishnendu and play was held up for some time as attention was being given to Ghosh.

Krishnendu finally decided to take over as goalkeeper but as he was putting on the jersey, Pratap Ghosh decided to continue – and turned out to be Bagan's hero.

East Bengal made the semi-final with an all-win record just like Salgaocar and Bagan, but JCT Mills, Phagwara not only came up with a dismal all-loss performance, but left in disgrace.

Playing East Bengal in the last group match, some of their players led by Deepak, manhandled linesman Rayan of Kerala after he had signalled East Bengal's second goal.

Even a police officer, who came to Rayan's rescue was roughed up. Just when everyone was wondering what action the organisers would take against the JCT players, the press received a surprising cyclostyled appeal asking them and the photographers to provide evidence if any of the incident.

None of the pressmen can say anything about the goal for it happened at the northern end whereas the press box is on the first floor of the pavilion at the southern end, just behind the left back position. Moreover the incident of manhandling was watched by one and all including the officials as Deepak, followed by the goalkeeper and some other players went right up to Rayan and shoved him about.

He was then gheraoed and no one could see anything. The photographers went up later. What about Rayan's report and that of referee Ranganathan and the match commissioner? Surely they are the persons to give the correct verdict. The JCT meanwhile has already left Bangalore.

East Bengal's 2-0 triumph in the first leg semi-final came after some narrow squeaks in the first half and lot of pep talk from coaches P.K. Banerjee and Shyam Thapa during the break.

PSEB had the Bengal defence in jitters for quite a spell in the first half but missed two sitters and a fine scoring chance. First Kulkarni from near the penalty spot failed to beat Bhasker Ganguly, then tries by Dhanwant and Madanlal were inadvertently saved by Ganguly and just before this, Kulwant shot wide when well placed.

East Bengal in the second half, however were a different lot altogether. The punch that was lacking in their attack came back, their dribbling and positional play tore the PSEB defence into shreds as they struck twice to sit pretty.

East Bengal are relying too much on Debashish Roy to get the goals for them and this speedy striker has never let them down. He got both the goals and Jamshed Nassiri who seems to be coming into his own paved the way for both.

The second leg should pose no problem for East Bengal and on their second half showing, they have a big edge over Bagan in the final.



East Bengal's Debashish Roy scoring the only goal against Central Excise of Cochin. Fazal the defender looks helplessly on.

SPORTSWEEK-Rupa

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Jaipur reader wins the first prize

The response to the **SPORTSWEEK-Rupa Spot-The-Ball Contest..3** was very encouraging. Over 4,300 entries were received of which **ONLY ONE** reader marked a cross (x) on the exact spot!

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The first three winners will get a list of books from M/s Rupa & Co., from which they can make their choice

The T-Shirts and SPORTS-

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SOCRATES **Doctor, political activist and one of the best footballers in the world**

By Debabrata Chowdhury

"THE BRAZILIANS do not have the decency to get rattled even when they are a goal down". The compliment came from the famous BBC TV commentator Jimmy Hill when Brazil were trailing the USSR by a goal in their opening game of the 1982 World Cup tournament in Spain.

And if one Brazilian showed more coolness than others it was their captain Socrates. While some of his colleagues hurried with their passes and shots and thereby lost a couple of vital openings, Socrates went on playing in his own unhurried manner.

The cool adroitness finally paid

dividends when Socrates first shaped to pass and then utilised a tiny gap to hit a right-footed thunderbolt that gave even the redoubtable Renat Dassanev no chance whatsoever. Three minutes from time, he set up another goal for Eder which clinched the game in Brazil's favour.

As Brazil were in arrears upto the 74th minute it was quite natural the players would go into ecstasy after the final whistle. This they did but Socrates' way of expressing his delight was limited to raising his hands only once.

But then Socrates, unlike most Brazilian players, never felt the

need to go wild on scoring a goal or after ensuring a victory. He says: "It's mainly due to my state of concentration. But there is another reason: I believe that if I reveal my emotions to the supporters too much, I cease being an artist performing. I myself become a supporter and this would upset my game."

This quality of his did not however endear Socrates to the fans and officials. Once, for example, Vicente Mateus, the Corinthians president, asked him to make much more of a show on scoring as the fans expected if of their heroes. Socrates agreed on the spot.



whenever he laid on a show after a goal, he'd qualify for a bonus!

Needless to say, Mateus did not press him any further

If the above picture of Socrates depicts him as a footballer with a difference, it is because he indeed is different. Besides being a top class wing-half, capable of earning a place in anybody's World XI, and a qualified doctor, he is also a staunch political activist out to bring back democracy in his country

But the main difference starts with his full name which is, **Socrates Brasileiro Sampaio de Sousa Ferreira de Oliveira** - the longest name perhaps among contemporary footballers

Born in Belem, in the state of Parana, on February 19, 1954 Socrates was only five when his family moved from the banks of the Amazon to Sao Paulo where his love for football would begin

"When I was eight I remember practising ball control in the streets with an orange, and I'd make footballs with scarves and old clothes though it was not until I was 15 that I got my first pair of boots. Socrates would reminisce about his childhood

He started with Varzea, a local junior team, but was soon picked by Botafogo of Rebeirao Prato (not to be confused with the more famous Botafogo club of Rio de Janeiro). His success in school however made him realise that he could find a career beyond football and so he turned towards medicine as well

His teammates however became jealous that the youngster should be away at college while they sat round for hours in team concentration, that he just turned up in time for the game. The jealousy however soon turned into admiration as Socrates demonstrated that he possessed skill and ability beyond the normal run

This was somewhat amazing, considering his ungainly structure. Says Socrates "My legs and arms are too long, for a start I'm a sort of anti-athlete"

Despite his physique, his game however developed extremely quickly but he, like Falcao of Internacional, was bypassed by Claudio Coutinho for the team for Argentina, in 1978. That very year, he got a call from Corinthians Club of Sao Paulo and a year later he was playing for Brazil.

After the failure of the national team in Argentina, Tele Santana took over as its manager and, in the

absence of Zico through an injury, he made Socrates the skipper of Brazil for the Copa de Oro in Montevideo

Socrates was elated. He said 'I was proud enough just to play for Brazil, to be captain as well was very special

The tournament in Uruguay which was in connection with the 50th anniversary of their first World Cup win, ended in a failure for Brazil as they lost 1-2 to the hosts in the final but Socrates' value as a player only increased after that

That very year he got a call from Napoli. Although his club Corinthians were ready to think about the offer Socrates turned them down flat. 'If they offered me 5 million pounds I wouldn't leave Brazil', he said. 'I'm happy here, so why should I take risks with my life. Money is not everything - there's also the life style and the football. If there was a chance of combining football in Europe with medical studies, then I might think again. But if I'm wanted just to kick a football around, I'd rather do that at home



So Socrates stayed home and as the skipper of the national team he went to Spain. Before leaving, he said 'I'm going to win the World Cup for Brazil - that's certain! After that I'll retire and devote myself entirely to the practice of medicine

In the end though, Brazil, despite lifting their game to a very high level in Spain, did not win the Cup nor Socrates hang up his boots

The year following the World Cup proved to be a major success in Socrates' career. He won the South American Footballer of the Year Award and he also helped the Corinthians to win the Paulista championship

But despite the success, he brought them, Corinthians wanted to sell part of Socrates not because

they wanted to get rid of any part of him, but because they did not know how they would pay him under the new two-year contract he had signed with a basic monthly salary of \$63,500

But before they could find the part owners for the player who would pay to use him for his activities outside football, like advertising, Juventus of Italy asked if they could have the player. Corinthians had no objections but ultimately it was Fiorentina who got him

The deal between Corinthians and the Italian club was settled at £2.35 million and Socrates would collect £1.5 million over his two-year contract. That works out at well over £14,000 a week. In addition he will receive a house for the length of his stay in Florence, car and paid education for his four children

Though he would earn almost twice the amount in Italy, Socrates denied the land of the lire that it was money alone which had prompted his sojourn to Italy. "Although I don't want to regret in future for refusing a fortune now, I still maintain that money is not everything. The political situation in Brazil was the main reason for my switchover", added Socrates who once promised to lead a demonstration of 2,00,000 people against the then military regime

Won't his political views jeopardise his chances to play for the national team in future? 'I'm not bothered at all about that. In any case I'll play for Brazil only in the qualifying matches for the 1986 World Cup, if I'm asked to, that is. As for the finals, I won't go to Mexico as I will retire before the tournament', says Socrates

A child specialist, Socrates hopes to devote himself full time to the practice of medicine once he leaves the football field. He also gave a hint that he might embark upon a political career as well

The Brazilian people would be course like him to carry on with his football even after his contract with Fiorentina expires in the summer of 1986. Indeed with his easy and seemingly effortless style - which has brought him more than 300 goals, 20 of them for the national team - he should be able to remain on top form for at least three to four years

Perhaps Socrates whose speciality lies in converting penalty kicks, (he is yet to miss one in his entire career) - himself knows it but as he says, "one just cannot go on playing for ever"



Iraq beat Qatar 2-0 at Calcutta's Salt Lake stadium on May 5, 1983.

Blood, sweat and plenty of tears

By Debabrata Chowdhury



Police trying to stop fighting among the players of the two teams.

INDIAN REFEREE Melwyn D'Souza was to supervise the vital sub group IB pre-World Cup football match between Iraq and Qatar at Calcutta Salt Lake stadium on May 5. His name even was in FIFA's official mouthpiece, FIFA news.

In the end, however D'Souza became the fourth referee to be replaced as an urgent telex message from FIFA to AIFF said that it would be England's George Courtney who would supervise the game.

Both Iraq and Qatar denied they had anything to do with the change but one has a sneaky feeling that it was Iraq who sought it. No one can blame them if they actually did so as they repeatedly claimed it was

the inefficiency of South Korean referee Ra Yeoh Das Sikh which was more than responsible for their 3-0 drubbing in their away game against Qatar.

In the end, D'Souza perhaps felt more than happy that he did not have to act as the official because if he did, he would perforce have been compelled to send more than an usual report to the FIFA regarding the unusual happening after the game was over. As any referee would testify, it is not a very nice thing to do.

Apart from the report-angle, it would also have been extremely difficult for the Indian whistlemans to bring the game to a satisfactory

end and if the British referee could claim credit for that, it was because he looked vastly superior to the ones we have here.

But even he could not prevent the free-for-all that followed after the game which saw more than two dozen players, officials and policemen injured, some of them seriously.

As the game was nearing to its end, an Iraqi brought a huge flag inside the ground as Iraq had the match almost sewn up, they leading by two goals to one at that stage. This was not liked by the Qatar players who came so near to qualifying for the second round and soon after Courtney blew the whistle



Iraq's coach-cum-manager Abdul Qadir Zanyal raises his hands after his team won the match

whistle, some Qatar players appeared to have hit the exuberant Iraqi supporter and that was the beginning.

One Qatar player then hit the Iraqi goal keeper and the Iraqis retaliated. Officials, cameramen and the other players joined. The police were taken by surprise and were in a dilemma; they could not make lathi charge on the players and officials nor could they separate the warring factions without resorting to it, as they soon discovered.

The Qatar goalkeeper now showed his muscle power by throwing a policeman in the air and then hitting some others with their own lathis. Some more policemen joined in and it was with great difficulty that the two groups were separated. The spectators seeing their own policemen being beaten by the Qatar players went against them en masse and threw missiles at them. The fracas continued near the dressing room lounges and it was full 30 minutes before complete calm was restored. Fearing public wrath, the Qatar players and officials did not return to their hotel but went straight to the airport and left in an aircraft specially brought in by the son of their ruler some three hours before schedule.

Iraq said Qatar started it all and Qatar said it was Iraq and one will have to wait to see as to what action FIFA takes in the matter after they get the full report from the English referee as well as the official observer of the match, who

happened to be Asoke Ghosh, the AIFF secretary.

Qatar officials, of course, expressed regret over what had happened but considering that the two teams have no love lost between them, — having earlier got involved in similar incidents — the police should have been more cautious and vigilant. But it must be said they acted with great restraint.

As for the game, it never reached dizzy heights although one saw some really fine moments. But some silly fouls, there were some incredible misses. But overall, it should be said that Iraq showed more commitment and the 2-1 result in their favour was their just reward.

From the beginning Qatar knew they needed (72) only a draw to move into the second round and this realisation made them play a bit defensively, which was to Iraq's liking. They took time to settle down and after their citadel miss two close shaves, they went ahead in the 20th minute.

Qatar, who reached the final of the Junior World Cup in Australia in 1981 under Brazilian coach Everasto de Macedo, used the off-side trap with great success at that time and now, playing under another Brazilian, Coach Dino Sani — who played for Brazil in the 1966 World Cup and then coached Puebla Club of Mexico and Flamengo Club of Brazil before moving to Qatar — and also with seven of these men in the team who did duty down under —

they seemed to earn good dividends with same tactics.

Ironically however, it was this tactic that cost them the first goal Iraq got. As Nitik Obidan raced down the right, the Qatar defence moved up hoping to catch Ahmed offside, but the Iraqi player was too clever for that, cutting through at the precise moment to meet Obidan's cross and head it past an advancing Yunus Ahmed Lari.

The referee simply forgot to blow for the lemon time even after three minutes went by and it was during this period Qatar got their equalizer.

Ali Zaeed took a long powerful shot which Raad Hamodi Salmon inexplicably failed to hold tight and Mansoor Bakht swooped on the loose ball and with all the coolness, flicked it over the transfixed goalkeeper.

Content that the draw should suffice, Qatar again took a defensive posture in the second half and Iraq always looking the better team took full opportunity of this opposition play by getting the winning goal through Karim Alave ten minutes from time.

Qatar now pressed hard but the Iraqis, realising they were only a couple of minutes from glory, refused to buckle under the all-out onslaught and one came across their stubborn attitude, even after the game!

With six points from four games — two victories over Jordan and one over Qatar — Iraq have now gone into the second round where they will take on United Arab Emirates. If they win their next opponents will be the winners at the Syria — Bahrain match. That will be in the third round encounter and a victory in that will ensure for them a place in Mexico. Judging by their current form, it is not beyond them. The same thing could have applied to Qatar had they won or even drawn at Salt Lake, and perhaps because it was so near a thing for them, that made them behave like the way they did after the game.

The ball now is in FIFA court although the key lies with George Courtney whose report will now be eagerly awaited not only by Iraq and Qatar but perhaps by India as well. He saw it all as he stood along with his two India linemen Milan Dutta and Gangadharan Natarajan surrounded by a heavy contingent of policemen. If his report equally blames Iraq and Qatar, then both might be suspended in which case it should be Jordan who would move through to the second round as Lebanon, the other team in the group have already withdrawn.

WEEKLY HISPERS

Chris has no time for a baby

CHRIS EVERT LLOYD has spent so much of her lifetime on grass clay and concrete courts that to settle down for a happy family life is so boring

Who is going to take care of a late night home coming hubby? Who is going to burp the baby when she wails in the night? Well Chris is not yet ready for the nappy



Chris and hubby John

changing days, and she remarked to that effect last week in London where she was with her British tennis playing husband John Lloyd for a five day vacation

She also squashed rumors when spot-interviewed at Heathrow that she was expecting a baby, I'm sorry, it's not true, she remarked, and as our correspondent re-

marks from London there was not a wee bit of disappointment on the face of the thrice Wimbledon champion

Tennis has crept right down into the core of her system and it would be sometime for her to get it out And by the look of things it would also be sometime before Chris starts wearing maternity dresses and looking blissfully motherly as according to her John and she does not want No 3 to hamper their tennis life and at the moment they would like to enjoy the game some more years

I doubt if I could give all the attention and devotion to a baby that I would want if I continue to play said Chris who will be going to Germany to participate in an Open tournament there

Honesty might not pay here!

THE krueger rands have sunk their talons deep into some players who were hooked on by South Africa to play in their country The lure of the lucre could not have had a better partner in de-



Graham Gooch...the call of the rands

vilish deeds than Graham Gooch, the English cricketer

Now Gooch, some might say, is honest to the core for speaking his thoughts, exactly as he would like to, but then Gooch also had made his intentions to play for his country long ago, and he should not have opened his mouth so soon

Gooch's dreams came true when he was selected as a Test candidate this season, after a three-year ban for touring South Africa against the wishes of the authorities

But last Wednesday in an interview with BBC TV's sportsnight programme, Gooch remarked I would like to play for England again I have always wanted to play for my country

But if I had to make a decision on whether or not I should go to South Africa—I would still make exactly the same decision

Maybe Gooch has saved his rands for the rainy day, that's why he is not too keen whether he gets a chance to play for England or not But if you ask us, we think Gooch should be canned, pickled and left into the shelf marked antique not for use

Savio the saviour

SAVIO D'SOUZA The name should ring a bell in the minds of athletic lovers in the country As for us at SPORTSWEEK he holds a special place with us as it was our popular SPORTSWEEK Road Races that pushed him first into prominence

Savio D'Souza was the only athlete that got a medal for Maharashtra in the recently concluded Trivandrum Open athletic meet That was the only distinction the state earned a bronze one at that

Now one wonders what has happened to the state that in the past had produced some of the finest athletes in the country Today, out of 13 competitors, Savio is the only person to bag a bronze, and the irony is that Savio and the state would have not even got that single medal had the states' selection rules been stringent

Coming back to Savio D'Souza, this lean, moustachioed Standard Mills employee would not pass muster on the sporting field. But put him on macadam, and the transformation is tremendous. His determination while training is something to be seen.

There is plenty in store for Savio and this bronze is just a starter



Savio...Maharashtra state's only bronze trump card

for this youngster who participated in the Pune International Marathon last year and the Singapore Marathon earlier this year. Savio has got miles to go, but these miles are the ones that are going to lead him to stardom.

Soccer violence has come to stay

SERIOUS violence with much punching and kicking among the rival players.

That's how the British referee commented in brief on the fracas at the end of the Iraq-Qatar pre-world cup soccer match held at the Salt Lake stadium, on May five.

Violence has come to stay in soccer. In India, the first major incident of this nature occurred in the Delhi Asiad between Kuwait-North Korea. Now it is time for Calcutta to witness such a scene.

Football is a tremendous sport that evokes passions in the hearts of not only the players, but also of the spectators.

Soccer violence has taken such a turn that soon you will have policemen taking the place of the referee. The recent incident in England during the FA cup match between Millwall and Luton illustrates the point. (see pic).

One hopes FIFA does something about this trend that has invaded the sport.

BBC beams the hits

THE AMOUNT of money that has come into snooker is unbelievable, and to line the pockets of the players with thicker coat of green, there has entered the television.

This welcome intrusion has perked the sponsors to shovel in more of the moolah into the sport, which of course, in turn has made the players of the sport realise that outside the ring of light cast by the shaded lamps, there are a thousand pair of eyes glued onto the screen to watch the green, white and black being potted and carromed around with contemptuous ease.

Our correspondent reports from London that a record 18.5 million viewers stayed tensely tuned to their TV sets to watch the dramatic last frame of the world Snooker Championship.

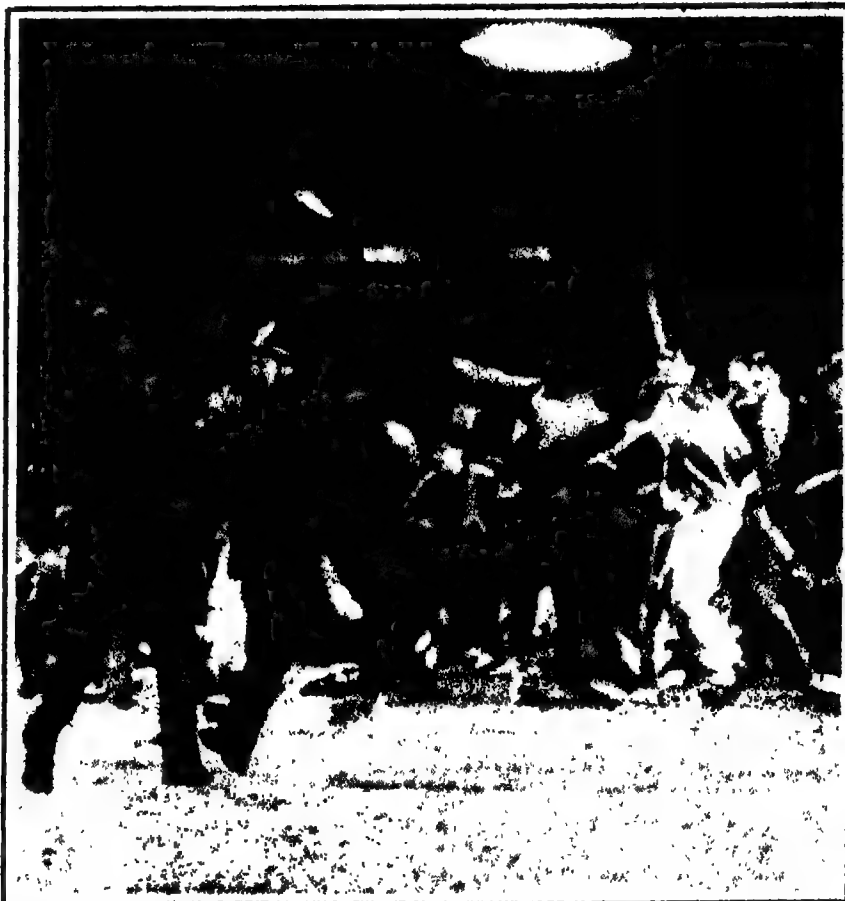
The BBC2 covered of the epic battle between Steve Davis and Dennis Taylor, which Dennis won on the last ball of the final frame. And Britain's sporting fans rubbed sleep off their eyes,

and they made up the biggest post-midnight audience for any sporting event in Britain since 1982.

In fact, BBC2 were so elated that they had this massive audience to watch the event that they have scheduled to show this engrossing match again on May 23.



Dennis Taylor...once more on prime time



Rioting soccer fans at the Kenilworth Road ground recently clash with police and hurl broken seating as they invade the soccer pitch at the end of the FA Cup match between Luton and Millwall

SENSATIONS
OF SPORT

Soccer's biggest World Cup shock

By Frank Wright

When America's part-
timers humbled England...



Fate conspired against England and all their attempts to score a goal went awry

ON A CLOSE, cloudy day in the summer of 1950, a modest 20,000 crowd gathered round a crude-looking football pitch in Brazil, expecting to see the most one-sided match in World Cup history.

The place was Belo Horizonte, some 300 miles from Rio de Janeiro.

Here, on a cramped, bumpy, almost grassless ground, the cream of English professional football would tackle an inexperienced team of part-time players representing the United States—Cinderella country of international soccer.

Officially, it was a full international in Pool B of the Fourth World Cup competition. But most people were inclined to regard it as a soccer pantomime or, at the best, a useful

warm-up for the England team before meeting powerful Spain.

England, making her first World Cup challenge, had arrived in Brazil with a post-war record of only four defeats in 27 full internationals. Four days before meeting the United States, the England team had conquered Chile 2-0 in the giant new Rio Stadium.

Now they had been given a second-class ground for a match which seemed no more than a formality. The United States were 500-1 outsiders.

When the 21-strong England party arrived in Belo Horizonte, the British colony, who worked at the English-owned gold mines at nearby Morro Velho, took up their concrete cricket pitch to make room for a full-sized ground for football practice.

There was tremendous excitement at the rare chance of seeing such famous stars from the home country as Stanley Matthews, Billy Wright, Stan Mortensen, Roy Bentley, Jackie Milburn, Tom Finney and Wilf Mannion.

In contrast, the United States did not boast a single star. They were led by British-born Eddie McIlvenny, who had once played in the English Football League—seven first-team appearances for Third Division Wrexham. Strictly, he was not eligible to play in the World Cup for his adopted country.

The Americans also had a Belgian-born full-back, Macca, and a centre-forward, Gaetjens, from Haiti. But it would have seemed churlish for powerful England to object.

After all, McIlvenny had been a

ven a free transfer by Wrexham before going to the United States. A cast-off from the Football League could hardly constitute a threat to the top stars of the English League.

Only one problem faced Arthur Drewry, the sole England selector. Should he field an unchanged side or take the chance to give his reserves an outing?

Finally, he elected to play the same team that had beaten Chile 2-0, reasoning that it would be more profitable to let the same combination further develop teamwork.

The decision meant leaving Stanley Matthews on the touch line. England were also without centre-half Neil Franklin, the Stoke City player who had caused an uproar one month earlier by flying off to Bogota to join the Santa Fe club.

But any England soccer combination appeared strong enough to teach the Americans the game.

"We ain't got a chance against your boys", said U.S. coach Bill Jeffrey. "But we're going to fight hard to keep down a cricket score"

The professionals and the part-timers met on June 28, 1950. The England team arrived already changed to avoid the primitive changing rooms at the Belo Horizonte ground, and they ran out on to rough pitch surrounded by a shale running track only a yard or so from the touchlines.

England looked set to score at least a dozen goals. In the first half-hour, Tom Finney twice hit an upright; once Mannion stood unmarked in the goal-mouth only to shoot wide from a few yards.

Then Roy Bentley unleashed a fierce drive from the edge of penalty area which beat goalkeeper Borghi completely – and crashed against a post.

Once that first elusive goal was scored, it seemed that a steady flow of more goals must follow. But all the fates conspired against England that June afternoon.

In the 38th minute a goal was scored at last – but, incredibly, by the Americans.

A long, high centre from left-half Bahr found the head of centre-forward Gaetjens and the ball glanced off, past Bert Williams, into the England goal. With the score still 1-0 at half-time, England desperately reshuffled the pack.

Stan Mortensson, who had scored against Chile, was brought into the centre. Bentley was switched to the right-wing and Finney moved to inside-right.

At first, England's approach work was outstanding – and there were a host of missed scoring chances. When Jimmy Mullen headed home from an Alf Ramsey free kick, the ball appeared to be over the goal line before it was cleared. But Italian referee Dattilo waved play on.

It was the nearest England came to equalising. As full-time came near, their play became more desperate, their shooting wilder. And in the closing minutes, the 20,000 crowd observed the Latin custom of waving farewell to the losing side.

All over the ground, handkerchiefs and newspapers were waved to signal the defeat of England's soccer masters.

When full-time came, hundreds swarmed on to the pitch to cheer off their heroes – goalkeeper Borghi, full back Macca, centre-half Charlie Colombo, and, above all, skipper and right-half McIlvenny, who had defended superbly.

England's hopes of reaching the World Cup finals now depended on beating Spain in their third match and again in a play-off.

This time, selector "Drewry

brought in Stanley Matthews, Jackie Milburn, Eddie Bailey and Bill Eckersley – and again England did everything but score. They were beaten 1-0 and were out of the World Cup.

The United States victory over England was hailed as the greatest shock result in soccer history. After-the-event experts argued, however, that England should have been warned by the way the Americans had previously led Spain 1-0 before conceding three goals in the last ten minutes.

Following their defeat by Spain, the stunned and shamed England players went home without even staying to watch the new giants of world soccer playing in the finals.

Nine years later, on the eve of winning his 100th international cap, Billy Wright looked back on a lifetime of soccer and chose the Belo Horizonte defeat as the worst moment he could remember.

"We had all the play but couldn't take our chances. When we came home people said: 'How did the United States beat you? They don't play soccer, do they?'"

"It took some living down"

TENNIS

By Ken Rosewall

Is sportsmanship returning?

THEY say "nice guys never win" – but Scott Davis and Tim Mayotte proved them wrong at the Laver facility at Delray Beach, Florida. Neither man was seeded, but they survived the twelve men who were, in reaching the final of the \$1.8 million tournament.

Davis is a former World Champion Junior, who then took time out to gain a University Degree and – shortly after – to marry Sue Jaeger, the sister of Andrea.

Tim Mayotte is also a graduate. I shall remember him for many a year after seeing him walk to the net to shake hands with his conqueror, Kevin Curren, after one of the outstanding matches of the 1983 Wimbledon. As he walked he held his racket above his head, and added his own applause to that of the public.

I cannot help believing that those two young men started a slight upwards wave towards the sportsmanship and good behaviour that made tennis the outstanding game in the first 60 years or so of this century.

The results at Delray do much to show that the "good guy" approach is in no way inferior to the paths

trodden by Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe. I accept that both may be victims of their own nervous systems, and that they cannot, when in combat, help the outbursts which tarnish their reputations. Maybe they are essential to them.

Frankly, I believe that true sporting behaviour actually helps good performers, for it is the ideal antidote to choking and all the other factors which spoil the chances of reaching top form.

Of course, it is important to give everything to winning; to do less than is to denigrate and insult any opponent. But the rules of most games were originally produced so that "gentlemen can enjoy their games more." Indeed, I know that English coach Clarence Jones takes this to such a point that he makes his pupils bow to one another (like the Judo way of honouring the game and the opponent) and his record in producing winners of "Grand Slam" championships events is unequalled.

I salute Davis and Mayotte, and pray that they will prove the flag-bearers of the most honourable way of playing tennis.

BFI's latest brainwave

By Jimmy Mehta

THE boys were luckier here:

	Kxxxx nil AKx QJxxx		
		N (Jaggi)	
nli Axx J10xxxx xxxxx	W (Robb Roy)	E (Sukha Ghosh)	Jxx KQJ10x xxx AK
		S (Rajesh) AQ10xx 8xxxx Qx	
	x		
E 1H P P Dbl	S 1S 4S 6S All pass	W 2H P P	N 4H 5H P

4H = Splinter

5H = Heart void but no club or diamond control.

6S = He has forgotten the system. His hand does not add up

Dbl. = Lightner.

Rajesh guessed right. Jaggy had forgotten the system. His second cuebid should have been "5D"

which in their system would have promised first round control of both hearts and diamonds

But Jaggy could have had a hand that added up

KJxxxx
nil
Kxx
KQxx

OR

KJ9xx
nil
xx
Kxxxxx

or some such hand.

Rajesh then would never have heard the end of it.

Another boomerang:-

AJ9
10
KJ9xx
AQJx

N (Jaggi)
S (Rajesh)

x
QJxx
Axxxx
xxx

N	E	S	W
2D	P	4H	P
P11	P	P	P

2D = Modified Multi viz. weak two in hearts or an opening hand with at least five diamonds and four clubs.

4H = If you have a weak two in hearts I have to pre-empt. Who knows you might even make it. If you have a minor suit hand, please correct.

P = I take it you want to play in "4H"

Let's not assess blame. I'm sure they've got it sorted now; but it was an expensive experiment, with four hearts down a zillion and a diamond game cold.

Have the selectors seen these hands? There are more where they came from... the horse's mouth

It could be that the boys were over-played and fatigued. It could be that their bidding mishaps were off set by good defences and dummy plays but the boys were less than sure-footed in Nagpur. They will improve, they are the champs of tomorrow but their performance in Nagpur can hardly justify the ouster of the playing Captain of a winning team or for that matter the ouster of any player from a winning team. This year it has been Jaggy/Rajesh. Unjustified but not outrageous. Next year it will be a Mama Ka pair. You can bet on it. We've seen it happen in the ladies team.

If the selection method for the Indian open and Women's team reminded one of "L'etat ces't moi" the selection of pairs for the Friendship Pairs was worse.

There was a quota only for two pairs outside the Indian team contingents... and as far as I know there was not even a timely circular conveying information. There were no trials... no selections.

Some BFI officials decided that they would make up two pairs from amongst themselves and go to Pakistan... The B.F.I. is footing the bill.

The rot has set in. There is worse yet to come.

Concluded.



WELL, MAYBE HE DIDN'T SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT WITH YOU,, BUT HE DID WITH ME.

Puzzling Around

By Busybee

DIFFERENT countries react differently to their teams losing a series in cricket.

To begin, let us take England, where the game originated, home of cricket, etc. The first thing that happens, if England loses a series, is that there is a demand that Boycott should be recalled. There is also a lot of heart-burning and hear-searching on whether players who have been suspended for defying the MCC and playing in South Africa should be forgiven and called back to do duty for England in the coming season.

Otherwise, the English take their defeats philosophically. Because, if the series has been played in England, by the time it concludes, the cricket season also ends and the football season begins. So the day after the defeat, instead of post-mortems on cricket, there are reports on the prospects of the new football season.

If the series is outside England, then, because of the peculiar phases of weather, by the time England's overseas season ends, the home season is about to start, so all concentration is on the new

season.

In any case, the English are only bothered if they lose to Australia. Losses to other countries do not matter.

Defeat for Australians in a series is an economic disaster for the Kerry Packer television channel. So Packer gives them money in secret so that the Australians are not disheartened and push off to South Africa to make a little money before hanging up their bats and gloves for ever.

The Australians have this rather undeserved reputation of being fighters when their backs are against the wall or when they have been lowered down in the dumps. So when Australians lose a series, the Australian public automatically expects its team to win the next three series.

In New Zealand, win or loss does not really matter. Because New Zealand is actually not a cricket-playing nation. Only 14 people in the country play cricket, sometimes 16, all the rest play rugby.

The West Indians lose so rarely that if

they do once in a while (as even the greatest teams in the world have to sometimes), the West Indian cricket fans lie on the ground and bang their heads and continue lying there for a long time. The West Indies Cricket Board does not make much fuss over a defeat, probably because it loves and respects Clive Lloyd so much.

It is also, of course, always a fluke when the West Indians lose. So that has to be considered. And all their cricket correspondents such as Tony Cozier say that the West Indies were not defeated by another team, they were responsible for their own defeat.

The Pakistanis, if they lose a series, more so if they lose two series in a row and both to India, do not go home. They go straight to England and start preparing for the English county season.

In India, it is very simple. If the Indian team returns home after losing a series, nobody comes to receive it, except Sunil Gavaskar's mother and father, Ravi Shastri's mother and father, and Dilip Vengsarkar's wife.

AROUND THE COUNTRY



Nandan Bal, the National champion, receiving the Canco trophy from chief guest R. Pitamber, India's golf star. Bal had beaten Enrico Piperno in the finals of the CCI Tennis championship early this month in Bombay. Standing in the center is Mr. Ajit Walia of Canco.



Mohammed Ibrahim Ansari, former captain of the Railways Ranji Trophy team, announced his retirement from first class cricket in Bombay recently.

Ansari played for the Railways as wicketkeeper-batsman from 1971-72 to 1982-83, assisting the side in 52 Ranji Trophy ties. He also played one Duleep Trophy match and two fixtures against visiting teams. In all, Ansari scored 2560 runs with five hundreds and 21 fifties. He also took 102 victims behind the stumps.



RACING

By Railbird

Who are the favourites?

JUST AS BANGALORE is the fastest growing city in the country, the Bangalore Turf Club has outstripped all the four other Turf Authorities of India in the magnitude of its operations and the strength in the number of horses racing under its rules. Unfortunately, the supervision has not kept pace with its growth.

In its formative years it was widely believed and generally accepted that the supervision was intentionally lenient with a view to attracting more horses to the centre. There were several valid reasons for that assumption. Now, however, as Bangalore has reached saturation point, at least in its summer meeting, and is refusing horses for the obvious reason that there are insufficient number of stables, there is no longer any good reason why the supervision should continue to be lax.

Indeed, with growing public awareness of what makes racing tick, with increasing suspicion because of the large number of betting days and with the opportunity to watch replay of the video tape of each race immediately after the result has been finalised, the public has become more articulate, if not downright belligerent.

Against such a background is it not enough that the punters should be given a fair deal? It must be seen to be so. Otherwise, the spark may be touched to the explosive situation and ugly incidents could easily take place.

This homily is not an academic exercise. There was more than one reason on the opening day of the 26-day Summer Meeting to inspire it. The cases that readily come to mind are those of Armada and Noble Warrior with that of Adora being less evident and coming in the category of benefiting from doubt.

Noble Warrior was one of the seven Class 200 runners who contested the 1,200 metres Nandi Cup which everybody, and his brother, thought was in the safe keeping of Golden River, who had been unbeaten in four starts in the winter. Golden River was collared by Saqqara midway in the straight and surrendered after a brief fight. It was then that Noble Warrior came along with telling strides to also go

ahead of Golden River.

Now, it is this column's contention that Khaleemuddin did not do full justice to Noble Warrior, who would have won had the rider been sufficiently interested. That, surely, should be the subject of an inquiry because the fact that Noble Warrior was totally neglected in the betting is of no relevance at all. The authorities should not be influenced by the betting, except in such cases where a horse with no immediate form to commend its chances is made the medium of a successful gamble.

Armada was a horse of a different colour. The filly was the odds-on choice in the Class V-B 1,200 metres Welcome Plate, a place in the betting which she probably enjoyed because she attracted on her obvious condition. Narasimha kept her in mid-division and was behind a wall of horses at a crucial stage. He moved the filly sideways along the width of the track much in the manner that a Concertina player handles his instrument. If he could not get an opening, there is no occasion to grouse because it could be ascribed to the luck of the run. But if, as it is strongly suspected, he failed to avail of the openings that seemed to be there, he should have been put on the mat. In either event, there was scope for an in-depth inquiry.

There is reason to believe, but there does not appear to be any means of substantiating that belief, that Kasbekar was none too keen to beat the front-running Spiccatto in the 1200 metres May Plate. He allowed Spiccatto, who was the favourite, to gain too long a lead and though he cut it down to one and a half lengths at the winning post, it is more than likely that, had he maintained better position from the start, Adora would have won. However, as was said earlier, he must be given the benefit of the doubt.

In this case, there was probably no inquiry because the favourite won and the history of the Bangalore Turf Club is such that questions are not usually asked when a favourite wins, probably in the belief that the racegoer is happy with the result. Such an attitude sets off another train of thought. Who makes the favourite?

It is common for the favourite to

be described as 'The Public Choice'. Such a description could be wrong in many cases. Consider, 1000 punters betting Rs. 100 each on a particular horse will not influence the odds quoted about that horse as much as two punters each wagering Rs. 2.00 lakhs. It is the big money that influences the odds and not the number of small punters who wager on it. Anybody with a rudimentary knowledge of arithmetic can figure that out but if there are still doubting Thomases around, they can be silenced by the statement that it is the big punter who is against a tote monopoly because he is unsure what the final dividend will be, while, if he lays bets with a licensed book-maker, he does so at a fixed price!

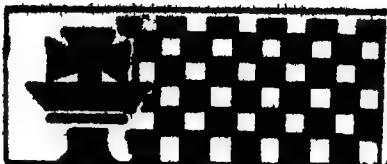
IS THERE a surfeit of betting days in this country and is the punter being taxed beyond his capacity?

Obviously, the answer in both cases must be negative because there is sustained support for off-course betting and the volume of betting continues to be more or less the same.

In plain terms, it is the racegoer who calls the shots in this regard and if he stops patronising off-course betting, it stands to reason that it will be uneconomical for race clubs to stage it and they will cease to do so.

That, however, does not make one to wonder how people find the time and the money for off-course venture. During the summer, of course, operations are only one Saturdays on Sundays with the occasional midweek race day. Nonetheless, with Ooty races in the morning and Bangalore in the afternoon it is an all-day affair and as most of the regulars are employees and as most firms do not work a five-day week, how do they find the time to attend the races?

The money poses an even bigger problem. With betting tax ranging at the average figure of 25 per cent, with tote commission hiking it up a further 10 per cent and with the deduction at source of 35 per cent on all winnings of Rs. 2,500 and over by way of income tax, that amount of money is withdrawn from racing circulation in the sense that the racegoer cannot avail of it. Thus, every race day, so much fresh money is being introduced into racing.



CHESS

By R.B. Sapre

B RITISH Champion 19-year-old GM Nigel Short scored an impressive victory, winning 6 games and drawing 2, in an 8-game match with the US Champion GM Lev Alburt (a former Russian)

The match, held Jan. 18-27 in Foxboro (Massachusetts), arranged by Dr Joel Altman, was well managed by the efforts of the local business and chess enthusiasts. It may become an annual feature.

Alburt played enterprisingly, but sloppily. In this 4th game of the match he goes astray in a promising attack.

Alburt - Short

1 d4, Nf6 2 c4, e6 3 g3, Bb4ch 4 Nd2, d5 5 Bg2, 00 6 Nf3, b6 7 00, Bb7 8 Ne5, Be7 9 Qc2, c5 10 dxc5, bxc5 11 cxd5, exd5 12 b3, Qc7 13 Bb2, Bd6 14 Nd3, Nbd7 15 e3, Rac8 16 Rac1, Qb8 17 Qb1, Rfe8 18 Rfe1, Ne4 19 Red1, Ng5! 20 Nf4, d4! 21 Qf5!, Bxg2 22 Nxc2, Ne6 23 Nc4, Ne5 24 Ne1, Nxc4 25 Rxc4, dxe3 26 fxe3, Be7 27 Nd3! 28 Rg4, Ng7! 29 Qf3, Qa8 30 Qf4! 31 Rf1, f5 32 Ne5, Rd2 33 e4, Rxb2 34 Qc1, Bf6! 35 Qc4ch, Re6! 36 Rxf5! Bxe5! 37 Rxe5, Qd8! 38 Rd5, Qa5! 39 Rf4, Qe1ch 40 Rf1, Qe3ch 41 Kh1, Qxe4ch, 0-1

3 g3) Queen's Catalan Opening

11..exd5) This position with Black's hanging Pawns on c5 and d5 can arise from Queen's Indian Defence. Black's more space and mobility make up for the Pawn weakness.

19 Ng5! 2) An invitation to tactical play on both sides.

20 d4! 1) Such a tactical advance of the d-Pawn forms part of Black's aggressive plans with the hanging Pawns complex.

21 Qf5! 1) White also gets attacking chances with this Queen sally.

22 Nxc2 2) The Knight has to retreat, for if 22 Kxg2?, Qb7ch (defending the Knight on d7) 23 Kg1, Re5 drives away the White Queen.

24 Ne1) Doubtful is 24 Nxd6, Qxd6 25 f4?, Nf3ch! 26 Kf2, g6 27 Qf6, Qd5, or 27 Qd3, Nxe2.

27 Nd3! 2) 27 Rg4! 2, g6 28 Rd7, or 27 Rcd8 28 Nd3 g6 29 Rf1, Rf8 30 Ne5, comes into consideration.

30 Qf4! 1) 30 e4, f5 31 Rf1, Rf8 32 exf5 Qxf3 33 Rxf3, Rxf5 gives Black a favourable end game.

32 Ne5! 1) Best seems 32 Bxg7!, Kxg7 (or Rxd3? 33 Ba1, Rd2

34.e4, Rxa2 35 Qxf5! 33 Qxf5, Rf8 34 Qe4! winning a Pawn; if 34 Qxe4 35 Rxe4, Bf3? 36 Nxc5, Bd4ch? 37 Rxd4! and a Knight fork follows.

33 e4? 1) A terrible miscalculation. The saving move was 33 Qc4ch, Qd5 34 Qxd5ch, Rxd5 35 Ra4, Bf6 36 Nc4, with about an even end game.

34 Bf6! 1) White probably thought that Black had no defence to 35 Qc4ch, e.g. 34 h6 35 Rxe6, or 34 Qc8 35 exf5! keeps the attack going.

35 Re6! 1) The point of this in preference to 35 Ne6 becomes clear at the end when Black exchanges Queens.

36 Rxf5! 1) The last flash, if 26 gxf5 27 Qxe6ch, Kh8 28 Nf7ch etc draws.

37 Qd8! 1) A surprise. The mate threats leave White no time to pursue his attack.

END GAME

Last week's ending by A rink (1912) White Kh4, Bf4, Ne6, Ps-d4, e2, f5, h2 Black Ke4, Ps-b2, e7 Win 1 f6!, exf6 2 Nc5ch, Kf5 (If 2 Kd5 3 Na4, b1Q 4 Nc3ch, or 2 Kxd4 3 Nb3ch, Ke4 4 Kg3, b1Q 5 Nd2ch) 3 Kh5 b1Q 4 Bc1! 1), Qxc1 5 e4ch Kf4 6 Nd3ch wins.



BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

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Both sides vulnerable

T HERE were fire-works on this deal from the Selection Trials.

In the match between Poysha and Vishy's team the bidding was

S	W	N	E
(Sukha Ghosh)	(Jaggi Shrivastava)	(Robbi Roby)	(Rajesh Datta)
1S	2H	3D	P

What do you think Sukha bid? A 3S rebid in his Precision system might have shown a six-bagger and in any case emphasized a suit there was little reason to be proud of. A "4 Club" bid looked like sending the hand over-board. "3H" would have

been best, perhaps, having the double virtue of economy and flexibility.

Sukha opted for 3 NT !!!

A heart was led and the defence took six heart tricks and two pointed aces for a succulent set. It was four down - should have been five. When Jaggi cashed his heart king, Rajesh routinely unblocked the nine. He might have played low since if declarer held the 10 any card was the same, and if Jaggi held it he would be left with the option of seeking an entry to Rajesh's hand with the H 9 for a spade through declarer.

The trick lost was predictably academic for in the other room the bidding was

S	W	N	E
(Choksi)	(Tavkar)	(Ambrish)	(Kejriwal)
1S	2H	3D	P
3S	P	4C	P
6C	Dbl	All pass	

One can see little point in Tavkar's double of '5C'. On this auction, his spades hardly promised to pull full weight. Furthermore I have a sneaking suspicion that but for the double, Ambrish would have been tempted to try '6 Clubs'. A few years ago you could have bet on it. Today? I just wish he'd been tested.

In the match between Davenport and Tolani, Kamal Roy sitting West found an excellent save in '5H'. It is hardly one down.

Did I say save? One down? Kamal got a diamond lead, brought down North's trump ace on air and ruffed the diamond return. He now tried a spade to dummy's knave. A trump return would have meant one down but a sleepy South tried to cash his club ace. Kamal was now able to ruff two spades on board and run away with the contract.

A K. Beena - 15
Ajantha
19, Appacha Kavi Road,
Madikeri-571201
Coorg, Karnataka
Reading, fine arts, philately
sports, music

Khaja Raheemuddin - 23
H No-4-4-106,
Mangalgadda Street,
Jagtial-505327,
Karimnagar-(AP)
Reading, cricket, philately, movies.

Archana Joshi - 15
9, Maharashtra Society
Ellis Bridge
Ahmedabad-380006
Reading, western music, swimming, dancing

WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

- 1 With what sport are the following trophies associated - Stanley Cup and Cheltenham Gold Cup?
- 2 Until what year were the World Ice Hockey Championships confined to amateurs?
- 3 Which country won the first World Chess Championship?
- 4 Which heavyweight boxing champion had the longest reach?
- 5 Who won the All England Badminton Championship in the year 1913?
- 6 Who has scored the fastest triple century and in how many minutes in first class cricket?
- 7 What is the full name of Larry Gomes?
- 8 Which cricketer holds the record for the longest innings ever played at the Lord's cricket ground in Tests?
- 9 How many wickets did Bob Willis get in his first Test series and against whom?
- 10 Which cricketer has played the maximum Tests for Pakistan?
- 11 When was fencing for women first included in the Olympic Games?

ANSWERS:

1 Ice Hockey and Horse racing 2
1976 3 Hungary 4 Primo Carn-
era, Italy, 85 1/2 inches 5, George
Sautter, England 6 D Compton,
181 minutes, 1948-49 7 Hilary
Angelo Gomes 8 Sidarth Wett-
muny, 190 in 637min 9 12
wickets, against Australia 10
Wasim Bari, 81 Tests 11 in 1924,
Paris

Dilip Ahuja - 18
7, New Commercial Society
Opp Rajhans Society
Ellis Bridge,
Ahmedabad-380 006
Swimming, lawn tennis, athle-
tics

Atif Nadeem Khan - 18
Hakeem Ujjaini Rd.,
Bhoorapeer-204101
Hathras (UP)
Sports philately coins reading

Ravi Saxena - 18
189 Lodhi Road Complex
New Delhi-110 003
Cricket music

Alok Arora - 17
D 276 Avas Vikas Colony
Lucknow 226017
Movies travelling, cricket

Kuldeep Kaul - 13
63 Nai Sarak
Gurupatya
Srinagar 190001
Jammu & Kashmir
Penpals

Anil Kaul - 19
63 Nai Sarak
Grunpatya
Srinagar-190001
Jammu & Kashmir
Cricket travelling

S Ramakrishna Upadhyay - 18
K 40 Ramavilasa Road
K R Mohalla
Mysore 570001
Poetry cricket music, philately

Ashok Saini - 18
3644/18, Tandon Nagar
Galli No 2 Batalla Road
Amritsar (Punjab)
Social service photography li-
terature

Gautam D Amladi - 23
B/23 Karnatak Building,
Moghul Lane,
Mahim, Bombay-16
Music, singing, movies, cricket

Gautam B Rao - 18
C/o B V Rao
203 Om Eashwan No 1
Mahant Rd, Vile Parle (E)
Bombay-57
Travelling, reading

Gopal Chokani - 16
C/o Anantram Bishwanath,
Guwahati-1
Assam
Movies, sport, music

Farzanul Haque - 27
Qazipur, Kalan,
Ghorakhpur-273001, Uttar
Pradesh
Badminton, travelling, reading

Nilash Joshi - 25
6-C, J P Nagar,
Opp Vidyut Nagar,
Old, Padra Road,

Baroda-15
Painting, travelling photography

Devistone Swer - 21
T K Hostel
37th Road
Bandra (West)
Bombay 50
Sports, Reading

Manoj Jallan - 18
C/o G D Agarwal
Naharkatia-786610
Dibrugarh (Assam)
Music philately

Susy John - 23
Staff Nurse
P B - 6454
Ruwi (Muscat)
Sultanate of Oman
Driving travelling

V Srinivasan - 22
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Off Awadi Road
Kilpauk Madras 10
Sports music photography tra-
velling

Sudeep M Ramachandra - 20
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Dalli Rajhara
Durg M P 491228
Rock music cricket

Nandini Bhattacharya - 13
69/E Peary Mohan Roy Road
(1st Floor)
Calcutta 27
Reading music cricket tennis

Sanjiv Shingari - 19
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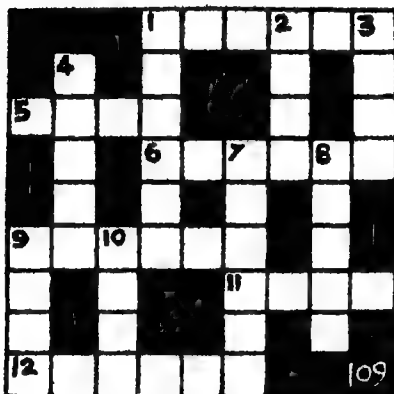
Iyaz Shaikh
K9/7 Barve Nagar
Ghatkopar
Bombay-400 084
Boring football

Ashfaq Damael
P Box No-5074
Safat Kuwait
Dancing, painting

M.P. Prashant
P M R A Rest House
Delhi Gate
Ahmednagar-414001
Music, dancing, photography

Milind Ranade
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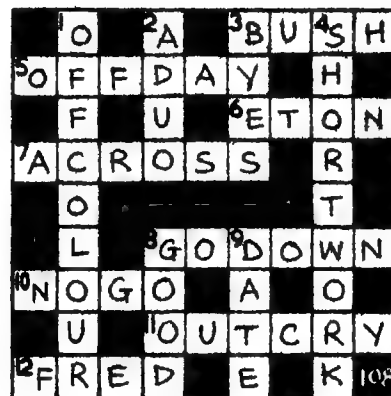
ACROSS

- 1 How Kapil clashed with Sunil when the Indian captain tried to put his foot down (4 2)
5 All the way? (4)

- 6 Jehangir Khan's game for a drink? (6)
9 Does India go down when Kapil --? (4 2)
11 Not out? (2 2)
12 River reforming Benaud (6)

DOWN

- 1 "Hold your --" is one expression jockeys must not risk using! (6)
2 Wrestler Singh is one, Umpire Dotiwala another (4)
3 Amar from North, Viswa from South (4)
4 The one who, in the Dec 1982 India-Pakistan Karachi Test, got the pair of specs he wore! (5)
7 How much easier things would be if players accepted that, like the customer, the -- is always right! (6)
8 The left-handed Mohammad whose IQ was far from satis-



factory? (5)

- 9 Karsan Ghavri was one quickie who could effectively turn his -- to spin (4)
10 Kind of edge Swarup Krishen, one thought, was good at judging (4)

QUESTION BOX

Q What are the Test records of Allan Lamb and Graeme Fowler?

—K. Lakshmaiah,
Nalgaonda, AP

A Allan Lamb has played 32 Tests, 56 innings, 5 times not out, 1955 runs, 137 not out as highest, 7 centuries at an average of 38.33. He has held 34 catches. Fowler has played 21 Tests, 37 innings, 1307 runs, 201 as highest, 3 centuries, at an average of 35.32. He has held 10 catches.

Q Who led the Indian cricket team during the 1960-61 series against Fazal Mohamood's Pakistan side?

—S.P. Tahib,
Chembur, Bombay-74.

A Nari Contractor was the captain in that series.

Q What is the Test record of Kapil Dev?

—Sanjay Shah,
Panaji, Goa.

A Kapil Dev has played 68 Tests, 101 innings, 9 times not out, 2788 runs, 126 not out as highest, 3 centuries, at an average of 30.30. He has taken 258 wickets, at an average of 28.70. His best figures are 9-83.

Q What is Gavaskar's captaincy record in India and outside India?

—Zia Shiekh,
Calcutta.

A Gavaskar's captaincy record in India is as follows — 29 matches,

won 7, lost 2, 20 drawn

On tours he captained India in 18 Tests, won 1, lost 6, drew 11

Q What does 'snatch', 'clean and jerk' mean in weightlifting?

—Vijay Kumar Chajed,
Raichur

A In weightlifting a competitor attempts to lift the heaviest bar he can in two methods, the snatch and the clean and jerk.

The snatch is a one movement lift from floor to extended arm position above the head.

The clean and jerk are two movements, floor to shoulders, and shoulders to fully extended arm position above the head.

Q What is the birth date of Imran Khan?

—M.A. Yar Khan,
Bapatla, AP.

A November 25, 1952

Q What is the Test record of Graham Gooch of England?

—Bittoo Arora,
Bihari Colony.

A Graham Gooch has played 42 Tests, 75 innings, 4 times not out, 2540 runs, 153 as highest, 4 centuries, at an average of 35.77

Q What are the highest and the lowest scores of Pakistan and Sri Lanka? What is the lowest score of Australia and England and the highest score of New Zealand?

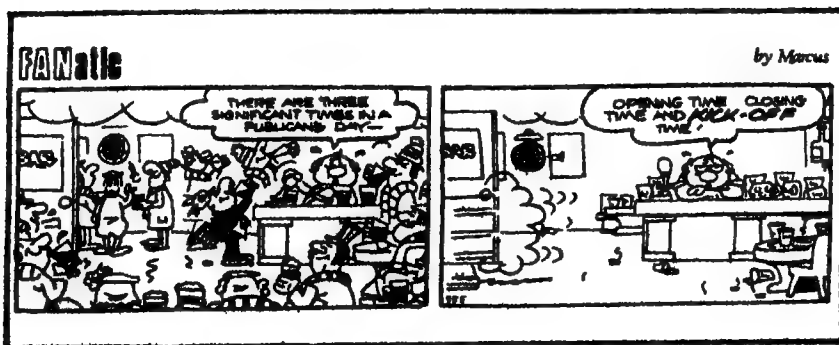
—Azeem U Rahman,
Hyderabad,

A The highest score of Pakistan is 657 for 8 declared against West Indies at Bridgetown in 1957-58, lowest 62 against Australia at Perth in 1981-82.

The highest for Sri Lanka is 491 for 7 declared against England in 1984 and the lowest is 93 against New Zealand at Wellington in 1982-83.

The lowest score of Australia is 36 at Birmingham in 1902, for England it is 45 at Sydney in 1886-87.

The highest score of New Zealand is 551 for 9 declared at Lord's in 1973.





MAILBAG

Indian sport at its lowest ebb

INDIAN SPORTS is at its lowest ebb and we are the laughing stock of the whole world. 'Careerists' in sports are out to destroy the image of sports in the country.

National sports federations have become hot-beds of politics, where a lot of malpractices are going on undetected, like dual associations to catch, etc.

To improve this situation, the IOA and the government should ensure that a) the constitutions of the national sports federations are amended to ensure that only one association from a state has the right to vote, b) state associations which have parallel bodies should be debarred from sending their teams for national meets, and, c) in cases where there are two parallel national federations, the powers to send the teams for international meets should rest with the Indian Olympic Association.

— Anoop Kumar Misra
(Sports official; U.P. Sports Control Board)

Lillee's biased statement

IN YOUR ISSUE dated May 8-14, 1985, in the extract from Dennis Lillee's book 'Over and Out', there is a statement by the author which says, "Like most Indian cricketers, his best performances have been at home."

This statement is not only false, but extremely irritating. Let us deal with the facts first.

Gavaskar's average is approximately 3 runs higher outside India; out of his four double centuries, two have been scored outside India, one each in England and in West Indies, he has been out lbw more often, on an average and in total decisions within India, and his 30 centuries are almost equally divided between matches played in India and abroad. (It would be very interesting if B.B. Manna could give us statistics on these statements).

Dennis Lillee, on the other hand has taken no wickets in either WI or India, only two in three Tests in Pakistan and four in Sri Lanka. So

Confusion galore

MUCH OF the pathetic situation in the performance and standard of Indian sports is due to the unstable sports administrative machinery both, at the governmental and non-governmental levels.

To illustrate; in the past, we did not have a Sports Ministry. What we had was a sports cell in the Ministry of Education headed by a Joint Secretary and a couple of officials to assist him in the matter.

We now have a full-fledged Sports Ministry with departments of youth affairs and sports, (both the subjects being closely inter-linked) headed by our Prime Minister, who is assisted by a Minister of State with a secretary, directors and a host of officials.

They only know best what they do because as I have repeatedly stated, although the Sports Ministry has been in function for the past three years, the results achieved have been next to nothing.

It was expected that with the establishment of the Sports Ministry, there would be a national sports policy or a plan. There has been nothing of this sort, although a mention was made on this subject in the parliament.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been created and it is not known what precisely the SAI has achieved so far. Utilisation of the sports infrastructure (leave aside in other parts of the country, even in Delhi) is ineffective, except for children's races organised on Sun-

day mornings by the director general of SAI under the mistaken belief that this was creating sports consciousness in the country!

The Indraprastha stadium, now renamed Indira Priyadarshini stadium is more active, holding musical nites and functions of the like, than any worthwhile sports fixtures.

The charter of duties of SNIPES, SAI, Ministry of Education is reminiscent of a situation where a judge asked the accused, "James, what do you do these days?" to which the accused answered, "your honour, I'm doing nothing." The judge turned to the second accused and asked, "John, what do you do?" to which he replied, "Your honour, I am helping James."

Although I am a vice-president of the IOA, I cannot help pointing out the ineffective role played by this organisation during the last few years.

The IOA has armed itself with several powers, particularly to combat disciplinary situations. Time alone will show how honourably and sincerely these powers are applied.

I would urge the authorities to look into the utter confusion that is being created with a large number of sports organisations being established with the same aims and objectives.

—Vijay Kumar Malhotra
President, Archery Association of India and vice-President,

Indian Olympic Association)

basically the greatest fast bowler of all time took 98 per cent of his wickets in only Australia, New Zealand and England. For him to criticise Gavaskar, for performing 'best' at home is totally uncalled for.

Lillee, like so many 'foreign' cricketers, blithely makes totally biased and baseless statements about Indian cricket. We are sick and tired of disparaging comments like "it is very difficult to get Gavaskar out in India," and "Indian umpires are like Laurel and Hardy," and "Nothing works in India especially the telephones."

One renowned cricket writer even wrote and compared 'apartheid' with 'caste and corruption' in India to justify the fact that English players should be allowed to play in South Africa if they played in India.

—Tom Alter,
(Bombay-26)

V. Siva — good talent down south

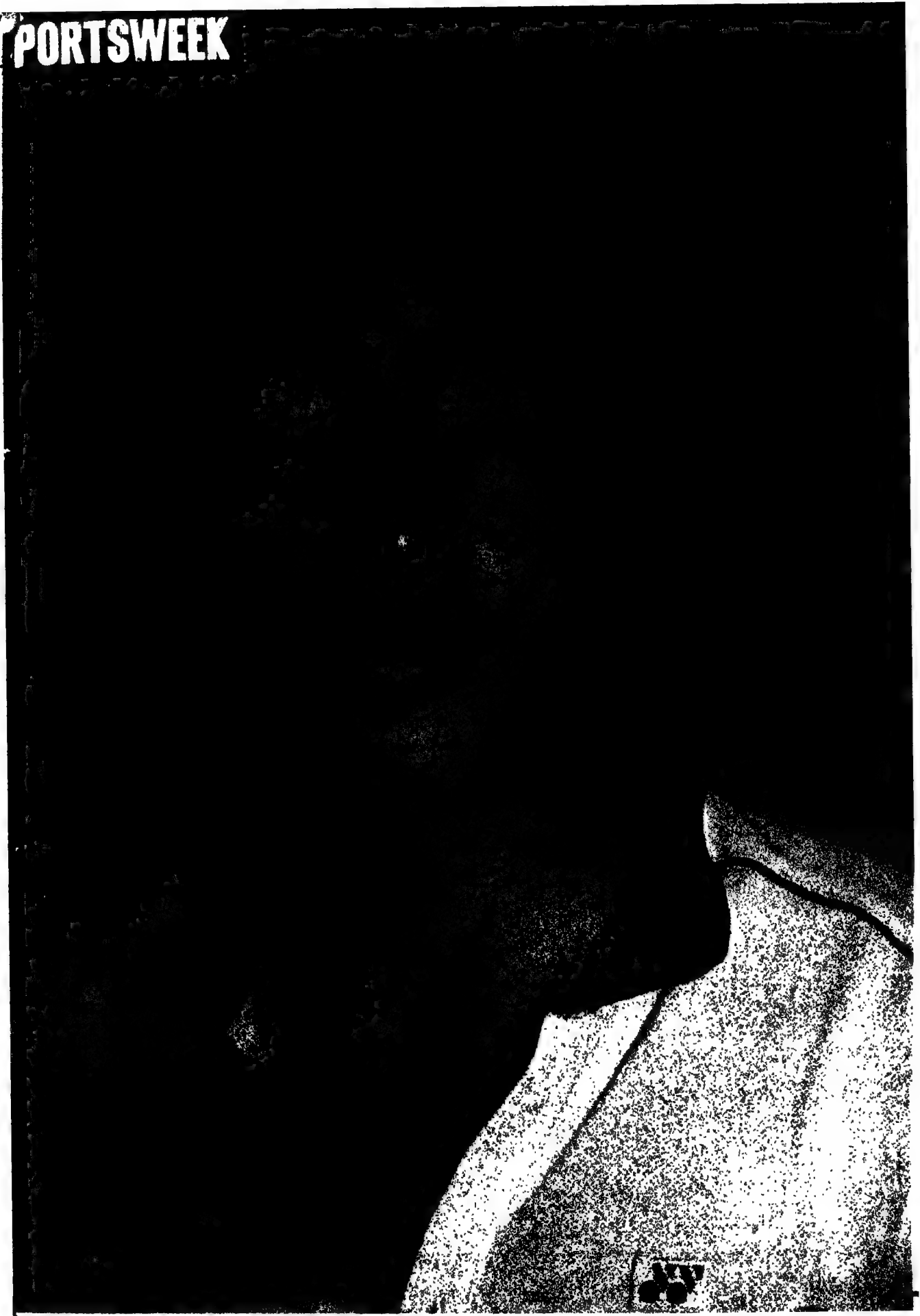
TAMIL NADU's V. Sivaramakrishna has been performing meritoriously for his state and zone for the past decade, yet there has not been much mention of this tall lefthanded lad in the national media.

Sivaramakrishna is on the verge of completing 4,000 runs in Ranji Trophy matches alone and he was the first Tamil Nadu batsman to complete 3,000 runs last season.

He made 596 runs in Ranji Trophy, third after Ghulam Parker and Lalchand Rajput. He is also a brilliant close-in fielder and last year and the year before that, he was voted the best fielder in Tamil Nadu.

—Sruji,
(Madras)

PORTSWEEK



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Hendry... the Indonesian youngster pulled off a remarkable upset beating Zhao Jianhua in the team event of the Asian Badminton Championships.

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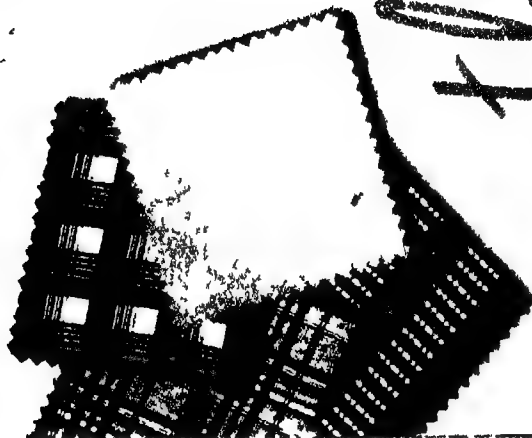
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Geoff Lawson... the speedster from New South Wales will be the Aussie spearhead. Even before Lillee's retirement, Lawson had established himself as Australia's most feared new ball bowler



SPORTSWEEK

Kepler Wessels... the opener from Queensland had a successful last season with Sussex. It will be a surprise if the South African-born left-hander does not score heavily in the coming series



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KAMLESH IS short, rather frail and there is a boyish innocence about his face. But once in the playing arena, he moves with amazing celerity and the pugnacity of spirit effaces out of the puny exterior. Kumar Krishnan does a profile based interview with the Indian table tennis star.

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NEW ZEALAND in West Indies Complete series averages, high lights and career averages of the two teams compiled by B.B. Mama



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"HEADLINES CALLING for my sacking and enforced retirement had become old hat. They annoyed me without worrying me. Cricket writers are so often wrong that on the rare occasions their judgement is vindicated they consider themselves in the oracle class." Dennis Lillee recounts the problems he faced in his final season. An exclusive extract from Lillee's 'Over and Out'



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WHERE WILL the big money go this year? Can Chris Lloyd push to the Slam at the age of 30? Is Martina likely to remain unbeatable? Or will the lissom Czech, Hana Mandlikova, steal a march on both of them? Barry Newcombe answers these questions.



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JAMSHED NASSIRI the striker with the magic boot proved once again that he is East Bengal's prized catch when he netted in the only goal against Mohun Bagan in the final of the Federation Cup Soccer tournament. R. Arvindam reports from Bangalore.



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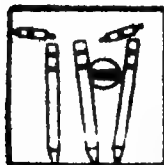
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Kiwis outclassed before start!

From Tony Cozier



NEW ZEALAND captain Geoff Howarth's assessment that his team's performance in the series against the West Indies was worth a B Plus is that of the school examiner who marks generously because the paper is difficult.

So how did New Zealand handle the questions they faced? They lost the last two Tests by 10 wickets, one in the equivalent of three days, the other in four, avoided defeat in the first certainly only because of time lost to rain and were beaten in all five One-Day Internationals, embarrassingly so in the last three.

Even outside the matches against the West Indies, they were hard-pressed in all three three-day matches to hold on for draws.

That their captain should still rate the tour so highly is a flattering, if realistic tribute to the strength of the West Indies team. England in 1981 and India in 1983 fared only slightly better than these Kiwis did. Australia, last season, probably a little worse.

More recently, England endured their humiliating "blackwash" last summer and Australia their 3-1



Vivian Richards...fitted easily into Clive Lloyd's large and illustrious shoes as captain

defeat at home during which their captain resigned and reputations by the dozen were damaged.

The fact is that the gap between the West Indies and the Rest for the past six or seven years has been that between the Rhodes scholar and the fifth form plodder. There has been no evidence either to suggest that it will be narrowed soon.

When New Zealand arrived, Howarth admitted that his team had past its peak, reached between 1980 when whatever the circumstances, they surprised the West Indies at home, and in 1983 when they managed their first victory ever over England in England.

The majority of their leading players — Howarth himself, John Wright and Jeremy Coney of the

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batsmen, Richard Hadlee, Ewan Chatfield and Lance Cairns of the bowlers — were all on the wrong side of 30.

What is more, they had to come without their most consistent batsman over the past year or two, the left-handed John Reid, and without the experienced left-handed opener Bruce Edgar, aged 29 but surely with a lot of cricket left in him yet.

Reid's absence, because of his commitment to his teaching career, emphasised another of New Zealand's difficulties. While all the other countries can now call on a nucleus of professionals, cricket remains very much a sport for amateurs there.

They were, therefore, outclassed even before they started by strong, confident opponents who had not lost a home series since 1973 nor a single home Test since 1978 and who included a galaxy of stars fit to be ranked among the greats of all times. The limit of their ambitions, from the start, appeared to be drawing every Test as their predecessors of 1972 had done.

The weather and a slow pitch at the Queen's Park Oval and conditions at Bourda, back to its old time



Martin Crowe...simply too good to have missed so many opportunities

best for batting, aided their cause and they managed to save those matches although with plenty of fight and hard work.

By the time they reached Barbados, however, the effort had taken its toll and their limitations no longer allowed them to hold on. On pitches with more life, they succumbed — just as India and Australia had done on the same two grounds by similarly decisive margins over the previous two seasons.

The magnificence of Hadlee's bowling, never less than compelling, the steady reliability of Coney, the unwavering steadiness of Chatfield's bowling and the batting promise of the Crowe brothers will be memories for West Indian followers of this New Zealand team. But against such opponents, success even if judged by the negative standards of being able to force draws, could not be based on five players alone.

The key players failed too often and it appeared New Zealand needs now to shake the tree and let the old fruit, which grew to full ripeness

a couple of years back, fall. If such drastic measures are impossible because there are no promising seedlings in the ground, then there needs to be at least some pruning not least at the top where Howarth seems to have reached the dangerous stage in any sportsman's life when he lacks conviction in his own ability and that of his team.

Yet there was little to hearten New Zealand from the few younger players on the tour. Martin Crowe, as he demonstrated in his marathon 188 in the second Test, is simply too good to have missed so many opportunities otherwise. Four times out of seven he was out to the short ball, a statistic he may want to ponder on in the next few months.

As an all-round cricketer, he will have to lead New Zealand's challenge over the next decade, perhaps one day as captain, with his elder brother Jeff alongside him.

If New Zealand are to be given a B Plus, how then to mark the West Indies? An A Plus, 100 per cent, would seem in order on the surface. Yet, by their own standards, it would be difficult for a fair examiner

to go higher than the same B Plus.

This was an efficient, rather than brilliant performance. There were none of the breath-taking heights reached during the last summer in England or in Australia later. Simply a professional, well-drilled team doing just enough to overcome their opponents and their own obvious tiredness.

Vivian Richards fitted easily into Clive Lloyd's large and illustrious shoes as captain. He and the first three batsmen in his order all averaged over 50 and yet again, the menacing Malcolm Marshall's fast bowling was critical. He took 27 wickets in the four Tests to bring his tally over the past four series and 24 Tests to 101, an astonishing figure.

In spite of everything, there remained a few worries for the West Indies at the end of the series.

Michael Holding, truly a great bowler and competitor, has indicated that he can no longer take the frustration of bowling on slow pitches and is heading to Australia next season to parade his talents for Tasmania. His illustrious Test career may be at an end.

Reports are that the giant Joel Garner and Marshall himself are doing the same thing, an area of acute concern for the West Indies Cricket Board since the loss of all three at the same time for the series against England would be a severe setback.

Some uneasiness remains also about the gap left by Lloyd in the middle order.

Gus Logie stepped in right after a lengthy grounding, a player of clear potential. Yet again, however, he did not dispel the impression that he does not quite have the discipline in his batting required at Test level, that he is more a one-day specialist. The fact that there is no one right now to seriously challenge his place is even further cause for concern.

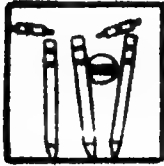
Still, who are the West Indies to complain? They remain on top of the world, now 20 home Tests without defeat, the old bogey against New Zealand finally laid to rest and private organisers busily trying to arrange a couple of "Tests" against a world team to give them the competitive challenge they have not had for years.



While Michael Holding has indicated that he can no longer take the frustration and is heading for Australia, Malcolm Marshall and Joel Garner are reported to be doing the same thing...an area of acute concern for the West Indies Board.

Windies' pace attack made the difference

From Alan Graham



MAJOR changes in the New Zealand cricket team to play India and Australia are not expected, despite the failure of the Kiwis to win any of their 12 matches on their recent tour of the West Indies.

Led by Viv Richards, the West Indies won the Test series 2-0 with two draws and won the One-Day Internationals 5-0 while the three 3-day games were all drawn.

There are two main reasons why changes are unlikely. First, the Kiwis were not too unhappy about losing to the West Indies, since they beat everyone these days.

Secondly, apart from left hand batsmen Bruce Edgar and John Reid who were unavailable for the tour, there are no players knocking on the door of Test selection.

For the Kiwis only Jeremy Coney (241 runs), Jeff Crowe (252 runs), John Wright (213 runs), Richard Hadlee (15 wickets) and Ian Smith (for his wicketkeeping) achieved consistent form on tour.

Ewen Chatfield took 10 wickets in the first Test but took only three more in the remaining Tests. Martin Crowe had one innings of 188 but his six other innings yielded only 28 runs all told.

Of the others Geoff Howarth struggled all tour until making 84 in the final Test. Neither spinner did well, though neither did the home spinners.

Ken Rutherford gained a Test place with a century and two 50s in the 3-day games, only to have a nightmare series. He scored just 12 runs in seven innings. However, he had to play in the Tests because the other Kiwi batsman Ron Hart was doing just as unhappily, and did not reach double figures all tour.

Lance Cairns battled illness and injury and his long career may be near the end. Derek Stirling remained erratic and the great pacerman Wes Hall says Stirling will have to adjust his action substantially if he is to gain any accuracy.

Gary Troup was only just adequate.

Obviously Edgar and Reid will be welcome back into the Test squad. Spinners Steve Boock and John Bracewell will probably be retained. But there is a question mark over the pace bowling with only Hadlee and Chatfield sure to be selected, and both of those surely coming toward the end of their careers.

Hadlee has said that he wants only one more year at the top, and Chatfield is older than Hadlee.

John Wright had a good tour, constantly standing up to the West

Indian pace attack. Of the others only the reliable mid-order Coney was able to do the same on a regular basis. The Crowe brothers each made a century and looked grand at times without finding consistent form.

Smith shaded Jeff Dujon in the wicketkeeping stakes while not being as good a batsman as Dujon.

The West Indies managed first innings scores in the Tests of 305, 511 (on an easy pitch), 336 and 363, not big by their standards but enough to beat the Kiwis.

The main difference between the teams was the West Indies pace attack, led brilliantly by Malcolm Marshall who was Player of the Series with 27 wickets.

Though no other West Indies bowler took more than 10 wickets, Garner, Holding, Walsh and Davis constantly backed up Marshall. Among the batsmen Richards, Richardson, Haynes and Greenidge did enough to win the series comfortably, with 10-wicket wins in the third and fourth Tests.

The Kiwis disappointed in the one-day series and again the West Indies pace attack was dominant.

It was a happy tour with few controversies. The main trouble came in the last Test when a bouncer war erupted.

Neither side had overdone the bouncer in the earlier matches as these were played on easy pitches. At Kingston the West Indies peppered the Kiwis with short pitched balls and Hadlee replied with a long series of short balls aimed at the home side including Garner who got five in a row.

Howarth objected saying he had seen nothing like it in his 16 years as a professional. Former Test greats Rohan Kanhai and Clyde Walcott were also critical, though blaming both sides.

Journalist and commentator Tony Cozier said: "While it is a legitimate ball when used sparingly, I don't think either side played within the spirit of the game."

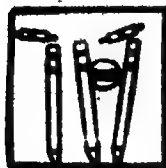
Kiwi manager John Hester said



John Wright... he had a good tour, constantly standing up to the Windies' pace attack

A statistical survey

By B.B. Mama



WEST INDIES comfortably retained their undisputed status as the current world champions of Test cricket by clobbering New

Zealand 2-0 in the recent 4-match series in the Caribbean, thereby winning outright their last ten successive rubbers since 1980, during which they have played 46 Tests against five countries (thrice each vs England and Australia, twice vs India, and once each vs Pakistan and New Zealand), winning 23, drawing 21, and losing only 2 Tests (both vs Australia). Their updated overall Test record: played 241, won 85, lost 60, drawn 95, tied 1.

NEW ZEALAND have now played 170 Tests, won 21, lost 74, and drawn 75. Their record against West Indies: played 21, won 3, lost 7, drawn 11. The Kiwi record in the Caribbean: played 9, lost 2, drawn 7.

NEW ZEALAND's 94 all out in the third Test at Bridgetown is a new series record for the lowest total by either side in the Caribbean, superseding New Zealand's previous lowest of 162 at Port-of-Spain in 1971-72. It may be noted that later New Zealand were again shot out for 138 in the fourth Test at Kingston. The lowest for West Indies vs New Zealand in the Carib-

bean is 133 at Bridgetown in 1971-72. However, the overall lowest totals by both sides in all series against each other remain intact: NZ's 74 at Dunedin and WI's 77 at Auckland, both in the 1955-56 series on New Zealand soil.

RICHARD HADLEE became the 130th batsman in Test history and the 8th New Zealander on April 3 to complete 2000 runs in a Test career when he reached 31 in the course of his 39 not out in the second innings of the first Test at Queen's Park Oval, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. It was the 91st innings of his 54th Test. He now has a total of 2088 runs (av 24.85) in 57 Tests. The breakup: 561 runs (av 25.50) in 14 Tests vs Eng, 506 (av 38.92) in 10 vs Pak, 438 (av 20.85) in 13 vs Aus, 315 (av 31.50) in 7 vs WI, 134 (av 11.16) in 8 vs Ind, and 134 (av 22.33) in 5 vs SL.

DESMOND HAYNES became the 66th batsman in Test history and the 13th West Indian on April 6 to complete 3000 runs in a Test career when he reached 32 in the course of his 90 in the first innings of the second Test at Bourda, Georgetown, Guyana. It was the 83rd innings of his 52nd Test. He now has a total of 3234 runs (av 39.92) in 54 Tests. The breakup: 1161 runs (av 41.46) in 18 Tests vs Aus, 777 (av 40.89) in 14 vs



Richard Hadlee...the sixth all-rounder to complete the 'Double' of 2,000 runs and 200 wickets

Eng, 683 (av 56.91) in 7 vs NZ, 509 (av 31.81) in 11 vs Ind, and 104 (av 17.33) in 4 vs Pak.

The 13 Windies players with 3000 runs: Sobers 8032, Lloyd 7515, Kanhai 6227, Richards 5889 runs (av 54.02) in 77 Tests, Greenidge 4816 runs (av 49.14) in 66 Tests, Weekes 4455, Kalicharran 4399, Fredericks 4334, Worrell 3860, Walcott 3798, Hunte 3245, Haynes 3234, and Butcher 3104.

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the laws gave the umpires adequate powers and it was up to them if they wished to use them. West Indies manager Wes Hall said his team had bowled no more bouncers than had been bowled at them in Australia and pointed out that no West Indian had been warned for intimidation in recent years.

There was some sympathy for the view of some of the Kiwis that constant short pitched bowling makes very dull cricket. Vice captain Coney pointed out that you can't do much but defend a ball bowled at your throat and five such balls an over from a bowler with a

40 yards run makes for boring play.

There was also some interest in Wes Hall's comment that modern batsmen seem to think their space suit attire will compensate them for their lack of technique against pace. He said they don't watch the ball as closely as they should and then complain when they get hit.

It probably comes down to the umpires enforcing the existing laws on intimidation.

Kiwi umpire Fred Goodall formally warned Pakistan's seamer Wasim Akram earlier this year, and there may be a case for other umpires doing the same.

JOHN WRIGHT became the 131st batsman in Test history and the 9th New Zealander on April 8 to complete 2000 runs in a Test career when he reached 21 in the course of his 27 at Georgetown. It was the 67th innings of his 39th Test. He now has a total of 2133 runs (av 30.91) in 41 Tests. The breakup: 671 runs (av 33.55) in 11 Tests vs Eng, 512 (av 34.13) in 9 vs Pak, 296 (av 24.66) in 7 vs WI, 291 (av 26.45) in 6 vs Aus, 201 (av 50.25) in 3 vs Ind, and 162 (av 23.14) in 5 vs SL.

MARTIN CROWE became the 242nd batsman in Test history the 18th New Zealander on April 10 to

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complete 1000 runs in a Test career when he reached 98 in the course of his 188 at Georgetown. It was the 34th innings of his 21st Test. He now has a total of 1113 runs (av 30.08) in 23 Tests. The breakup: 468 runs (av 46.80) in 6 Tests vs Pak, 311 (av 25.91) in 7 vs Eng, 216 (av 30.85) in 4 vs WI, 98 (av 24.50) in 3 vs SL and 20 (av 5.50) in 3 vs Aus.

The 18 Kiwis with 1000 runs: Congdon 3448, J.R. Reid 3428, Turner 2991, Sutcliffe 2727, Burgess 2684, Howarth 2531 runs (av 32.44) in 47 Tests; Dowling 2306, Wright 2133, Coney 2094, R.J. Hadlee 2088, Edgar 1577, Hastings 1510, Parker 1498, Pollard

1266, Sinclair 1148, M.D. Crowe 1113, J.F. Reid 1077 and Wadsworth 1010.

JEREMY CONEY became the 132nd batsman in Test history and the 10th New Zealander on April 27 to complete 2000 runs in a Test career when he reached 5 in the course of his 12 in the first innings of the third Test and Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados. It was the 65th innings of his 39th Test. He now has a total of 2094 runs (av 38.07) in 40 Tests. The breakup: 528 runs (av 40.61) in 9 Tests vs Pak, 489 (av 48.90) in 7 vs Eng, 381 (av 47.62) in 7 vs WI, 331 (av 23.64) in 9 vs Aus, 273 (av 45.50)



Desmond Haynes completed 3000 runs in his career

in 5 vs SL and 92 (av 23.00) in 3 vs Ind.

RICHARD HADLEE became the 6th all rounder in Test history to complete the Double of 2000 runs and 200 wickets during the recent series.

DESMOND HAYNES with 683 runs (av 56.91) in 7 Tests vs New Zealand is the new record holder for the highest run aggregate by a West Indian in all Tests against the Kiwis, surpassing the previous record tally of Lawrence Rowe's 598 runs (av 49.83) in 7 Tests vs NZ. The corresponding record for the highest run-aggregate by a New Zealander in all Tests vs West Indies: Glenn Turner's 855 runs (av 65.76) in 8 Tests against the Windies.

RICHARD HADLEE with 34 wickets (av 22.64) in 7 Tests vs West Indies, is the new record-holder for the highest wicket-aggregate by a New Zealander in all Tests against the Windies, overhauling the previous record tally of Bruce Taylor's 32 wickets (av 23.31) in 7 Tests vs West Indies. The corresponding record for the highest wicket-aggregate by a West Indian in all Tests against the Kiwis: Sonny Ramadhin's 32 wickets (av 15.06) in 6 Tests vs New Zealand.

JOEL GARNER became the 92nd player in Test history and the 13th West Indian to represent his country in 50 or more Tests. England has 32 such players headed by Colin Cowdrey with 114 caps, Australia 20 with Rodney Marsh at the top with 96 Test appearances, 11

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	T	I	N	O	R	H	S	100	50's	Ct	Avg
Richie Richardson	4	6			378	185		1	2	5	83.00
Vivian Richards	4	6	1		310	105		1	2	2	62.00
Desmond Haynes	4	8	2		344	90		4	1	5	57.33
Gordon Greenidge	4	7	2		264	100		1	1	3	52.80
Joel Garner	4	3	2		49	37*				3	49.00
Augustine Logie	4	6	1		168	52		1	1	4	33.20
Jeff Dujon	4	6	1		156	70		2	-	11	31.20
Larry Gomes	4	6			159	53		1	2	2	26.50
Malcolm Marshall	4	4			90	63		1	1	3	22.50
Roger Harper	1	2	1		11	11*		-	1	2	11.00
Clyde Butts	1	1			9	9		-			9.00
Winston Davis	2	2	-		16	16		-	1	1	8.00
Michael Holding	3	3			21	12		-	-	1	7.00
Courtney Walsh	1	1	1		12	12*		-	-	1	
All Extras	-	-	-		130	-		-	-	-	-
Substitute	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	2	-

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CENTURIES (3): 185 by Richie Richardson at Georgetown, 105 by Vivian Richards at Bridgetown, and 100 by Gordon Greenidge at Port of Spain. Highest at Kingston: 76 by Desmond Haynes.

CENTURY STANDS (6): In first Test at Port of Spain: 185 (3rd Wkt) Greenidge-Richardson in first innings and 114 (3rd Wkt) Haynes-Richards in second innings. In second Test at Georgetown: 191 (2nd Wkt) Haynes-Richardson, 106 (3rd Wkt) Richardson-Gomes and 104 (6th Wkt) Logie-Dujon, all in first innings and 104 (3rd Wkt) Greenidge-Richardson in second innings. Best stand in third Test at Bridgetown: 83 (8th Wkt) Richards-Marshall. Highest in fourth Test at Kingston: 82 (1st Wkt) Greenidge-Haynes.

WEST INDIES - BOWLING

	B	M	R	W	Best	Bowl	10wkt	Avg
Marshall	1021	30	486	27	7-80	1	1	18.00
Davis	381	11	188	10	4-19	-	-	18.80
Holding	492	24	218	9	4-79	-	-	24.22
Walsh	150	5	75	3	2-45	-	-	25.00
Harper	216	15	52	2	2-33	-	-	26.00
Garner	818	37	302	10	2-14	-	-	30.20
Richards	234	7	89	1	1-34	-	-	89.00
Butts	282	12	113	0	-	-	-	-
Gomes	108	3	44	0	-	-	-	-
Logie	6	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
Richardson	12	2	0	0	-	-	-	-
Bye & Legbyes	-	-	85	-	-	-	-	-
Run outs	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-

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5 WICKETS IN AN INNINGS: 7 for 80 by Marshall at Bridgetown. Best at other venues: 4 for 19 by Davis at Kingston, 4 for 86 by Marshall at Port of Spain, and 4 for 110 by Marshall at Georgetown.

10 WICKETS IN A MATCH: 11 for 120 by Marshall at Bridgetown.



Jeremy Coney... became the tenth New Zealander to score 2,000 Test runs

each for India (Sunil Gasaskar 106 Tests) and Pakistan (Wasim Bari 81 Tests), 4 from New Zealand (Congdon 61 Tests) and one from South Africa (John Waite 50 caps).

The list of 13 Windies players with 50 or more Tests: 110 caps Clive Lloyd, 93 Gary Sobers, 79 each for Lance Gibbs and Rohan Kanhai, 77 Tests Viv Richards, 66 each for Gordon Greenidge and Alvin Kalicharran, 62 Deryck Murray, 59 Roy Fredericks, 55 Michael Holding, 54 Des Haynes, and 51 each for Joel Garner and Frank Worrell

MALCOLM MARSHALL's 7 for 80 at Bridgetown is a new series record for the best innings bowling figures by a West Indian in any Test on Caribbean soil against New Zealand, displacing the previous best of 5 for 59 by Inshan Ali at Port-of-Spain in 1971-72. However, it leaves intact the existing record of the Windies best against the Kiwis in any Test: 7 for 53 by Denis Atkinson at Auckland in 1955-56. The corresponding records for NZ vs WI: 7 for 74 by Bruce Taylor at Bridgetown in 1971-72 and 6 for 68 by Richard Hadlee at Dunedin in 1979-80.

MALCOLM MARSHALL's 11 for 120 at Bridgetown is a new series record for the best match bowling aggregate by a West Indian in any Test, home or away, against New Zealand, overwhelming the previous highest aggregate of 9 for 81 by Sonny Ramadhin at Dunedin in 1955-56 and match figures of 7 for 158 by Inshan Ali at Port-of-Spain in 1971-72.

EWAN CHATFIELD's tally of 10 for 124 at Port-of-Spain represent the best match figures by a New Zealander on Caribbean soil, forg-

ing ahead of Bruce Taylor's match aggregate of 9 for 182 at Bridgetown in 1971-72. However, it leaves intact the existing record of Richard Hadlee's 11 for 102 at Dunedin in 1979-80 as the best by a Kiwi bowler against the Windies in any Test.

MALCOLM MARSHALL's total of 27 wickets (av 18.00) in the recent rubber is a new series record for the highest wicket-aggregate by a West Indian in any rubber, home or away, against New Zealand, streaking far ahead of the existing records of Sonny Ramadhin's 20 wickets (av 15.80) in the 1955-56 rubber in New Zealand and Vanburn Holder's 12 wickets (av 23.75) in the 1971-

72 rubber in the Caribbean against the Kiwis. The corresponding records for the highest wicket aggregates by a New Zealander against the Windies: 27 wickets (av 17.70) by Bruce Taylor in the 1971-72 rubber in West Indies, and 19 wickets (av 19.00) by Richard Hadlee in the 1979-80 rubber in New Zealand.

JEFF DUJON's 11 dismissals (all caught) in the recent rubber is a new series record for the most dismissals by a West Indian wicket-keeper in any rubber on Caribbean soil against New Zealand, exceeding the previous best of 8 dismissals (7 caught, 1 stumped) by Thaddeus Michael Findlay in the

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John Bracewell	1	2	1	52	25*	-	-	-	1	-	-	52.00
Jeremy Coney	4	6	1	241	83	-	2	-	2	-	-	48.20
Jeff Crowe	4	7	-	252	112	1	1	-	8	-	-	36.00
Martin Crowe	4	7	-	216	188	1	-	-	6	-	-	30.85
John Wright	4	7	-	213	64	-	-	-	2	1	1	30.42
Richard Hadlee	4	7	1	137	39*	-	-	-	1	-	-	22.83
Geoff Howarth	4	7	-	158	84	-	1	-	2	-	-	22.57
Ian Smith	4	7	1	111	53	-	-	-	1	7	1	18.50
Ewan Chatfield	4	8	5	13	4*	-	-	-	1	-	-	13.00
Stephen Boock	3	4	-	20	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	8.50
Lance Cairns	2	2	-	11	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.50
Derek Stirling	1	2	-	9	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.50
Ken Rutherford	4	7	-	12	5	-	-	-	3	1	-	1.71
Gary Troup	1	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1.00
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CENTURIES (2): 188 by Martin Crowe at Georgetown, and 112 by Jeff Crowe at Kingston. Highest at other venues: 83 by Jeremy Coney at Bridgetown, and 64 by Jeff Crowe at Port-of-Spain.

CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS (4): 210 (2nd Wkt) Howarth-Jeff Crowe at Kingston, 142 (5th Wkt) Martin Crowe-Coney, and 143 (7th Wkt) Martin Crowe-Smith, both at Georgetown, and 109 (2nd Wkt) Wright-Jeff Crowe at Port-of-Spain. Highest stand at Bridgetown, 77 (8th Wkt) Coney-Boock.

NEW ZEALAND - BOWLING

	B	M	R	W	Best	5w/	10w/	Avg.
M Crowe	120	4	65	3	2-25	-	-	18.33
Coney	306	11	137	5	2-38	-	-	27.40
Hadlee	858	31	409	15	4-83	-	-	27.66
Chatfield	912	35	441	13	6-73	1	1	13.92
Stirling	85	0	82	2	2-82	-	-	41.00
Rutherford	58	1	48	1	1-38	-	-	48.00
Troup	120	1	100*	2	2-87	-	-	50.00
Cairns	594	14	317	5	2-48	-	-	63.40
Bracewell	150	5	68	1	1-54	-	-	68.00
Boock	664	26	338	2	1-47	-	-	169.00
Howarth	54	5	17	0	-	-	-	-
Smith	18	1	5	0	-	-	-	-
Wright	18	1	2	0	-	-	-	-
Byes & Legbyes	-	-	96	-	-	-	-	-
Run-out	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

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5 WICKETS IN AN INNINGS: 5 for 73 by Chatfield at Port-of-Spain. Best at other venues: 4 for 53 at Kingston, 3 for 66 at Bridgetown, and 2 for 32 at Georgetown, all by Hadlee.

10 WICKETS IN A MATCH: 10 for 124 by Chatfield at Port-of-Spain.

1971-72 rubber in the Caribbean. However, it leaves intact the existing record for the most dismissals by a Windies 'keeper in any rubber, home or away, against the Kiwis, set up by Alfred Phillip Binns in the 1955-56 rubber in New Zealand with 12 dismissals (10 caught, 2 stumped). The corresponding records for NZ vs WI, 12 dismissals (all caught) by Ken Wadsworth in the 1971-72 rubber in the Caribbean, and 8 dismissals (6 caught, 2 stumped) by Barry Milburn in the 1968-69 rubber in New Zealand.

THE SECOND WICKET PARTNERSHIP of 210 runs between Geoff Howarth and Jeff Crowe at Sabina Park, Kingston, Jamaica, is a new record for this wicket-position for New Zealand in all Test Cricket, obliterating the previous best of 195 between John Wright and Geoff Howarth vs Pakistan at Napier in 1978-79. It is also, obviously enough, a new series record for this wicket-position, wiping out the previous record of 139 for the second wicket between Glenn Turner and Bevan Congdon at Port-of-Spain in 1971-72.

THE FIFTH WICKET PARTNERSHIP of 142 runs between Martin Crowe and Jeremy Coney at Georgetown is a new series record



Malcolm Marshall...highest wicket-aggregate for a West Indian against New Zealand

for this wicket-position, rendering obsolete the previous record of 110 between Brian Hastings and Victor Pollard at Christchurch in 1968-69.

THE SEVENTH WICKET PARTNERSHIP of 143 runs between Martin Crowe and Ian Smith at Georgetown is a new series record for this wicket-position, toppling the previous record of 98 between Jeremy Coney and Richard Hadlee at Christchurch in 1979-80.

THE THIRD WICKET STAND of 185 runs between Gordon Greenidge and Richie Richardson of Port-of-Spain is a new series record for this wicket-position, nudging just ahead of the previous record of 174 for the third wicket between Seymour Nurse and Basil Butcher at Auckland in 1968-69.

THE EIGHTH WICKET STAND of 83 runs between Viv Richards and Malcolm Marshall at Bridgetown is a new series record for this wicket-position, overtaking the previous record of 75 for the eighth wicket between John Goddard and Sonny Ramadhin at Dunedin in 1955-56.

THE NINTH WICKET STAND of 70 runs between Malcolm Marshall and Joel Garner at Bridgetown is a new series record for this wicket-position, cancelling out the previous record of 56 for the ninth wicket between David Holford and Vanburn Holder at Port-of-Spain in 1971-72.

TEST CAREER FIGURES

COMPLETE TO MAY 31, 1985

WEST INDIES

	Tests	Inns	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Avg	100's	50's	O's	Ct	St	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg	Bwl	10wM	Best
Butts, C.	1	1	-	9	9	9.00	-	-	-	-	-	282	12	113	0	-	-	-	-
Davis, W.	11	12	4	157	77	19.82	-	1	2	7	-	2100	43	1082	32	33.81	-	-	4-18
Dujon, J.	33	44	4	1764	139	44.10	4	8	2	110	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garner, J.	51	80	13	609	60	12.95	-	1	14	37	-	11771	528	4792	220	21.78	6	-	6-56
Guines, H.	49	75	10	2842	143	43.72	9	12	4	15	-	2215	70	867	13	66.69	-	-	2-20
Greenidge, G.	68	111	13	4816	223	48.14	12	26	8	82	-	26	3	4	0	-	-	-	-
Harper, R.	14	17	2	203	39*	13.53	-	-	5	19	-	2548	224	968	34	28.41	1	-	5-57
Haynes, D.	54	88	7	3234	184	39.92	7	20	4	33	-	18	-	8	1	8.00	-	-	1-2
Holding, M.	55	71	10	788	59	12.88	-	5	14	18	-	11842	434	5412	233	23.22	13	2	8-92
Logie, A.	13	17	1	493	130	30.81	1	3	5	7	-	7	1	4	0	-	-	-	-
Marshall, M.	40	48	3	800	92	17.77	-	5	7	19	-	8870	312	4187	188	22.11	13	2	7-53
Richards, V.	77	116	7	5889	291	54.02	18	25	6	77	-	2812	126	1025	19	53.94	-	-	2-20
Richardson, R.	15	22	1	967	185	46.04	4	3	3	19	-	12	2	0	0	-	-	-	-
Walsh, C.	6	7	4	44	18*	14.68	-	-	2	2	-	1028	34	507	18	31.88	-	-	3-55

NEW ZEALAND

	Tests	Inns	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Avg	100's	50's	O's	Ct	St	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg	Bwl	10wM	Best
Beauchamp, E.	25	35	8	152	35	5.62	-	-	9	13	-	5215	264	1998	82	32.24	4	-	7-87
Brewster, J.	13	21	3	190	30	10.55	-	-	7	12	-	2470	112	1085	30	36.50	1	-	5-75
Came, L.	42	84	8	928	84	18.57	-	2	8	30	-	10412	442	4172	130	32.08	6	1	7-74
Chappell, E.	23	32	21	126	21*	11.48	-	-	6	3	-	5322	215	2208	70	31.54	3	1	6-79
Coney, J.	40	67	12	2094	174*	38.07	2	13	3	48	-	2151	101	706	21	33.61	-	-	3-28
Crowe, J.	20	33	1	938	128	28.25	2	5	4	27	-	18	1	9	0	-	-	-	-
Crowe, M.	23	38	1	1113	188	30.08	2	4	4	27	-	685	31	448	12	37.08	-	-	2-25
Hadlee, R.	67	98	12	2088	103	24.85	1	10	8	28	-	14282	503	6341	288	23.83	18	4	7-23
Howarth, G.	47	83	5	2831	147	32.44	6	11	7	29	-	814	20	271	3	90.33	-	-	1-13
Rutherford, K.	4	7	-	12	5	1.71	-	-	3	1	-	58	1	48	1	48.00	-	-	1-38
Smith, I.	25	37	8	708	113*	24.44	1	12	2	4	87	3	18	1	5	0	-	-	-
Stirling, D.	4	7	1	84	18	10.66	-	-	-	-	-	538	15	420	10	42.00	-	-	4-88
Troup, G.	13	17	6	48	13*	4.09	-	-	7	2	-	2721	94	1214	36	33.72	1	1	6-85
Wright, J.	41	71	2	2133	141	30.81	4	9	3	22	-	30	1	5	0	-	-	-	-

If they get in way-too bad

By David Emery

CRAIG McDermott, new fast bowling scourge from Down Under, and Jeff Thomson, that more ancient affliction, were strolling out of the Taunton dressing room.

Australian Test batsman Greg Ritchie raised himself up on one elbow.

"Hey, fellas," he shouted to his two teammates. "What's got blond hair, four arms, four legs and an IQ of 60?"

"No? Well, it's just walking out the doors..."

McDermott tells the story with a flashing grin from a row of shark-white teeth.

"That's batsmen for you... they think we all came out of the trees. Maybe in my case they're right," he says.

One conversation with the mighty Mac is enough to comprehend that he rates batsmen somewhat inferior to warm beer and fat women—particularly when they are on the receiving end of his 6ft 4in 14 stone frame.

"I love to scare them dizzy," he says. "My joy in life is to watch them jump about."

"If they get in the way, it's too bad. I'm not out there to make friends."

Even allowing for his impressive physique, it sounds a bit like propaganda from a young man just three weeks beyond his 20th birthday—until you consider how he clinched his Test place against the West Indies last winter.

McDermott, playing for Queensland against Tasmania, found himself bowling against his greatest friend, Danny Buckingham.

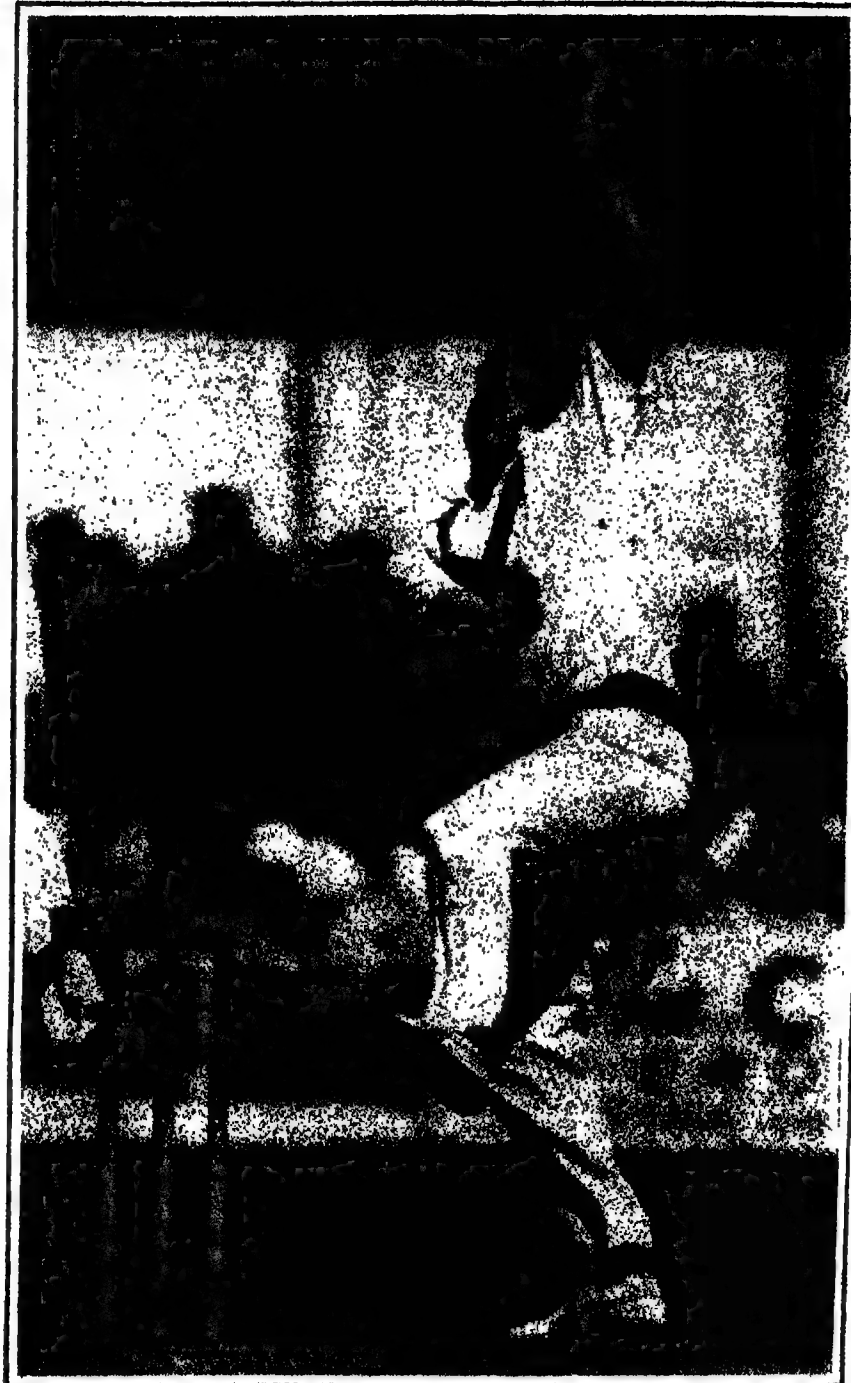
A wicked bouncer just short of a length poleaxed Buckingham with a blow under the chin.

Two balls later, McDermott smashed Brian Davison's arm.

"I was off my planet that day," he says with satisfaction.

"Remorse? You're kidding. Each

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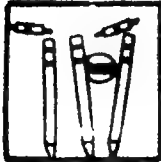


Craig McDermott... "I love to scare them dizzy"

Chris Tavaré, a year ago, an England player who was injured in a car accident, may still be in a hospital, but he has been a long way from the hospital since he was injured.

Why I want my England place back

By Chris Tavaré



NOTHING would give me greater pleasure than to win back my England place this summer and to see Chris

Broad batting at the other end

I batted my way out of the England team last summer in the Test against the Sri Lankans. Now I mean to bat my way back in again.

And on that fateful Saturday in

FIRST PERSON

August at Lord's I felt particularly sorry for Chris. He was very unfortunate to find himself out there with me during that partnership

when we were slow handclapped and barracked.

I knew after toiling for two hours for 14 runs against a modest Sri Lankan attack I would lose my England place. But Chris, who had played very well during the series against the West Indies, found himself a victim of circumstances by batting with me.

Chris had justified his move from Gloucester to Notts by forcing himself into the England side as opener.

Yet that one innings could have resulted in him being tagged with the same label as me when in fact I thought he played a lot better.

Like me, he missed last winter's trip to India and Australia and I've had the awful feeling that I could



Chris Tavaré

have unintentionally contributed to what must have been a terrible disappointment for him.

He would probably have been better off going out there and being dismissed for a duck rather than being stuck in the middle for a nightmare two hours while I played badly.

When I was out that long walk back to the Lord's pavilion was the most depressing of my career.

Yet only a fortnight earlier, after successfully returning to the England team against the West Indies at the Oval, I had been labelled as almost a certainty for the winter tour - possibly even as vice captain.

I had sunk from a complete high to a complete low. Having relived that Lord's same circumstances again I would be more positive.

I appreciate that over the years I have played some marathon Test innings which account for nicknames like the tortoise.

Kent fans, having seen me in championship and one day games, must think, however, that I'm some sort of Jekyll and Hyde character. Yet it's not true. I approach all my innings the same way, according to the situation.

In county cricket a first innings score of about 300 might be

CRAIG McDERMOTT...

time I just turned straight round and went back to my bowling mark ready for the next delivery.

Mind you, being a gent, he did pop in to see Buckingham at lunchtime.

He was lying there on the physio's bench with his neck encased in ice. He couldn't move or talk. I asked him if he wanted some chewing gum, but he wasn't too impressed.

McDermott's warlike instincts re-asserted again when another express delivery broke the right forearm of Somerset's former Test batsman Brian Rose.

With such performances it comes as no great surprise that the two greatest influences on McDermott's career have been Thomson and Dennis Lillee.

Thomson, State captain, handed McDermott the new ball on his first appearance for Queensland.

A typically generous gesture, says Mac.

And Lillee, concerned that McDermott's rampaging chest on

style was taking a premature toll of his body, devised a three-month weight training schedule.

It means I can bowl faster for longer, says McDermott menacingly.

When they called me into that Fourth Test with the West Indies I bowled four hours non-stop from lunch till stumps - and still managed to celebrate until 1.30 the next morning.

Refreshingly, McDermott, a champion schoolboy athlete and formidable Rugby Union centre, does not object to putting himself on the receiving end.

I bounced Malcolm Marshall and he bounced me back, he says. They don't come much faster than him, but I rate myself as a useful batsman.

When I look at the England side I guess Ian Botham and I could be in for an interesting summer.

The Aussies have nicknamed McDermott Billy The Kid.

By the end of this summer's Ashes series, the likes of Botham will prove if he is man or myth.

Botham is a must for England's Ashes fight

By Chris Tavare

IT HAS been extraordinary to hear suggestions last winter that England have been a better side without Ian Botham.

For me, he simply has to be back in Test action against the Australians this summer.

I find it sad that while Ian has been trying to take a deserved break from cricket people have still wanted to have a go at him. What a pity they can't leave him alone.

Batting with Botham is tremendous for relieving Test match pressure because, once he is at the wicket, everyone's eyes are on him.

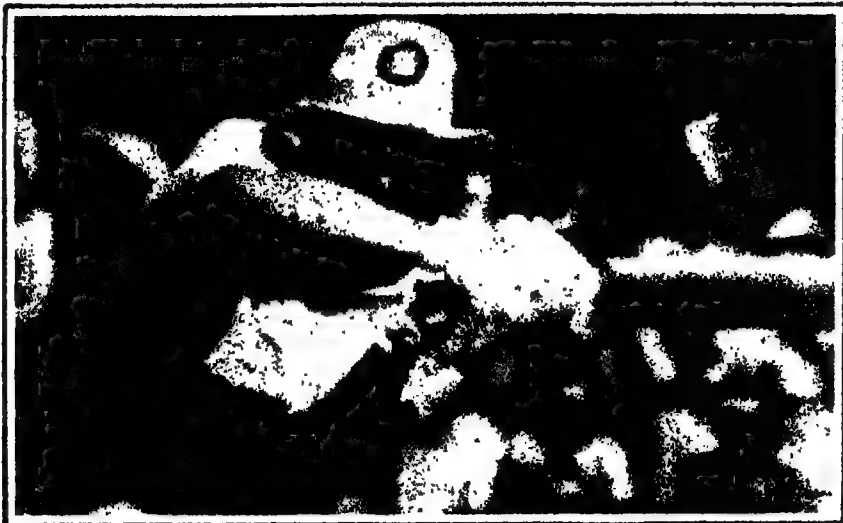
I shall never forget that 1981 Old Trafford Test when we beat the Australians to retain the Ashes—batting with Ian in that match provided me with my most emotional experience in cricket.

The whole atmosphere changed as he strode to the wicket to begin a partnership worth 149—my share was 28!

It was electric out there from the moment Ian took strike and he makes it so easy to partner him.

He said "You're doing fine the way you are, I'll see what I can do my way." His way was to attack the Aussies when they got hold of the new ball and he kept making the right comment during that partnership to keep me going.

Batting with Mike Brearley was somewhat different, but he also



Ian Botham...all eyes are on him when he is at the wicket

managed to make me feel at home and at ease at the crease.

I obtained a BA degree in zoology at Oxford University but I never dreamed the subject could have anything to do with cricket. But in that same Old Trafford Test in '81, when I had been recalled by England, that was exactly the topic that Brearley brought up as we walked to the crease together.

Whether he raised the subject on purpose I don't know. But I had been very nervous and he helped me take my mind off the pressure of the game. It was typical of Mike's ability as a leader.

His understanding of people was a great asset and he had the talent

to communicate with colleagues to get the best out of them.

Players coming into Test cricket for the first time need encouragement and guidance, that's why I was very fortunate that on my debut in 1980, Kent colleagues Alan Knott, Derek Underwood and Bob Woolmer were in the squad.

I've always had enormous respect for Knott's professionalism and it was a great help to travel to the match with him.

Paul Downton, the successor to Knott and Bob Taylor as England's keeper, is blossoming as a batsman at international level and that comes as no surprise.

He forced his way into our first XI at Sevenoaks School as a 14-year-old and his batting has developed since his move from Kent to Middlesex in 1980. Because of our strength in batting at Kent his chances had been restricted but now he is responding with good performances in all competitions.

And another player among the runs is Lancashire's Graeme Fowler and nothing has pleased me more than to see him doing well in recent Tests.

I frequently partnered 'Foxy' at the start of an England innings and he often received criticism for being too loose outside off stump but he has proved that it is not how you look that counts, but runs on the board.

Why I want my England place

enough. But in Test cricket it's not, you need 400 plus and I've been very conscious of this demand and felt the pressure.

In the 24-match championship you will reckon to lose a few matches. In a five- or six-Test series, it's very difficult to come back from one down, and these are a couple of thoughts which have influenced the way I've played for England.

Perhaps I should be more positive, despite the greater risk, and appreciate that some days things will go well, on others it won't.

Last winter's complete break from the game has helped me put last summer's disappointments be-

hind me.

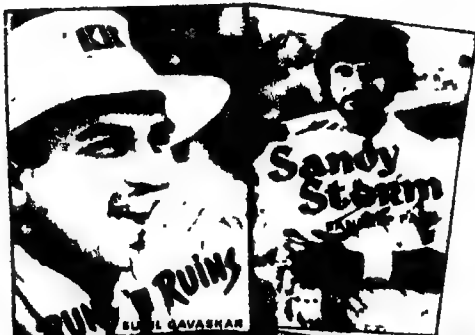
And I have resolved my situation with Kent by signing a new four-year contract which was offered last October after Chris Cowdrey replaced me as captain.

I had asked Kent to release me from the remaining two years of my contract but they refused, which left me with little option but to sign the new contract. The only other alternative was to retire from professional cricket.

I'm still only 30 and this summer I'm aiming to prove that would have been far too young an age to disappear from the first class game.

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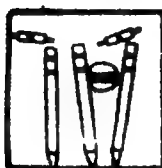
Hurry up, don't wait till the last date.

Gower expects Test scramble

By Pat Gibson



Mike Gatting strong claim to selection



DAVID GOWER predicts that the battle to play for England this summer will be just as exciting as

the fight to regain the Ashes from Australia

Gower, who was retained as captain for the One Day Internationals and the first two Tests after leading England to a 2-1 win in India last winter said: "There will be enough excitement in picking the side."

It will be a long battle deciding what is the best 11 to represent England—but at least we have the scope to pick absolutely the best side available.

That was a reference to the fact that the 15 players suspended from Test cricket for three years for taking part in the "rebel" tour of South Africa—including Graham Gooch and John Emburey—are now available again.

But Gower said: "You cannot ignore the performances during the winter. Mike Gatting, for instance, has given himself one of the strongest claims to selection anyone has ever had and somebody like Tim Robinson would be unlucky to miss out."

What happened in India won't be forgotten—but obviously there is a lot of information to be gleaned in the next two or three weeks.

A number of places are going to be fought for very hard—especially the opening batsmen.

Gower himself, who has had two lean series as a batsman since taking over the captaincy against the West Indies and India, was in London to spearhead a £1¼ million campaign by Wiggins Teape.

His duties will include entertaining customers during the six Tests.

As for Australia, Gower said: "We have two reasonably well-matched sides and anyone who makes the mistake of underestimating them is going to come unstuck very quickly."

"I think they will put more faith in their pace bowling than their spinners and though they have lost Terry Alderman they have finished up with Jeff Thomson who, by all accounts, is as keen as ever to damage England's batting."

Chief interest will centre on Craig McDermott, the 20-year-old fast bowler who is building his career around a fitness regime handed down by Dennis Lillee.

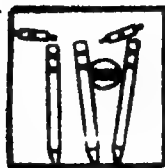
McDermott has recovered from a heavy cold, but Dave Gilbert, the other fast bowling prospect, is still down with flu.



I'm not a medical man but I reckon he's got water on the knee!

My five clues to the county title mystery

By David Gower



I HAVE only one piece of advice concerning this summer's Britannic County Championship: Don't bet on it.

The competition looks wide open, and at least nine of the 17 counties will have started with genuine hopes of the major prize in our domestic game.

Of those nine, I would put four at slightly longer odds than the rest. Middlesex, as their captain Mike Gatting has said, will do well to finish in the top five with all the likely Test calls on their players.

Somerset, like Middlesex, are more likely to win a one-day competition. But with West Indians Viv Richards and Joel Garner back and skipper Ian Botham raring to do well, they should finish higher than last season's seventh place.

Sussex look good again, but much will depend on how reliable Pakistan all-rounder Imran Khan is going to be.

Surrey have been a reasonable side for several seasons, but they do not look ready for a championship charge yet.

That leaves me with five to watch, and on past experience of my tipping ability, this will probably be the last you hear of these counties all summer.



Keith Fletcher...it will be difficult to beat Essex, the champs for the past two years, while he is in charge

First you have to mention Essex, champions for the past two years, and a well-organised side. Graham Gooch and Neil Foster might be away with England, but they will always be difficult to beat while Keith Fletcher is in charge.

Notts will be up there again as well. Second last year, they have the remarkable all-rounder Richard Hadlee, plus a varied attack and plenty of batting.

Kent will be useful again, but don't expect them to be hugely different just because Chris Cowdrey has taken over from Chris Tavare. They have a large powerful squad and paceman Graham Dilley, fit and at his best, is no doubt one of Eng-



David Gower... "My county Leicestershire finished fourth last summer and aim to improve on that"

land's finest fast bowlers and good performances will push him back into the Test reckoning

Hampshire finished surprisingly low at 15th last summer, but they must do better with West Indians Malcolm Marshall and Gordon Greenidge returning.

But Marshall needs support and much may depend on how well Cardigan Connor backs him up.

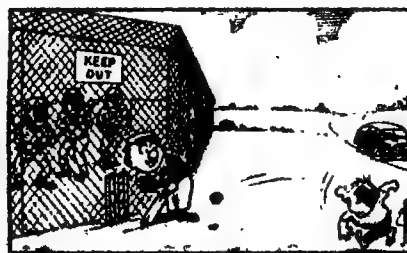
Then there is my county Leicestershire, of course. We finished fourth last summer and aim to improve on that. We have a lot of seam bowling (perhaps too much) in Jon Agnew, Gordon Ferris, Les Taylor, Gordon Parsons and Paddy Clift.

Nick Cook gives us balance with spin and hopefully myself, Peter Willey and the promising younger batsmen will provide enough runs.

That's my top five, but don't expect me to pick out one for the top, because so many factors such as Test calls, weather, injuries and form can tilt the balance.

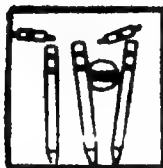
All that every professional player at all 17 counties can do at this stage is graft in the nets and look upwards for a little inspiration and good weather.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



A laundry bag doesn't bowl a maiden over!

By Frances Phil Edmonds



MEN as the conventional wisdom goes, are like small children or young animals. Any deviant behaviour must be squashed immediately and ruthlessly.

Five months of hotel living has its inevitably bad effects on any man and members of the England cricket team returning home after three months in India, a month in Australia and a fortnight in Sharjah were no exception.

The realisation that Monsieur Philippe Henri Edmonds was in need of a very short sharp shock dawned soon after Middlesex's additional pre season training cum golf week in La Manga, Spain. He had spent a mere 12 days at home since October 1984.

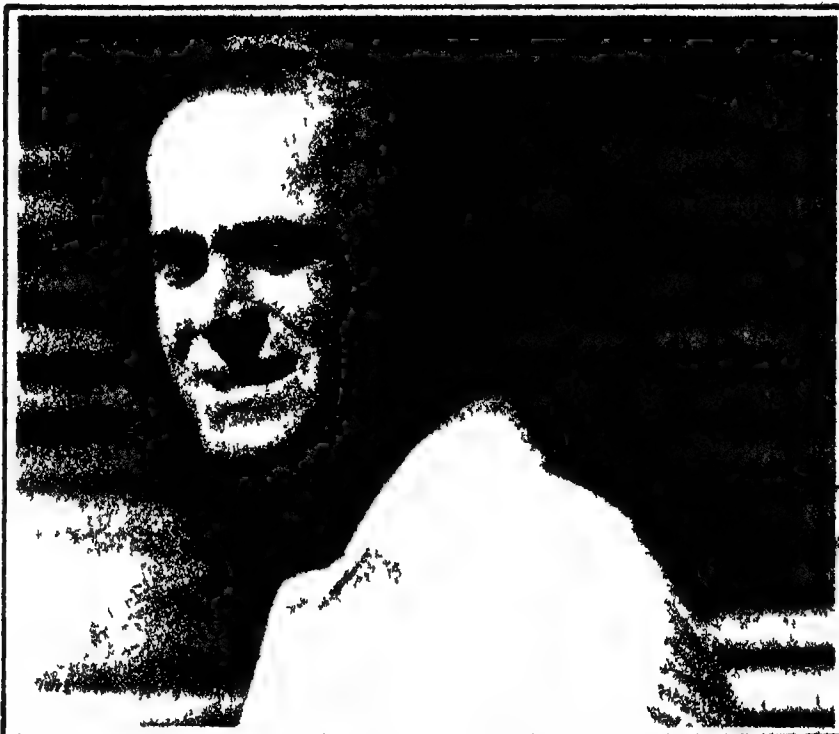
Requests for room service comprising four steak sandwiches to be eaten watching TV and early morning tea at 7.30 a.m. were therefore initially accommodated.

Post La Manga the inevitable crunch came. Until then Middlesex county cricket club had all their cricket gear dry cleaned gratis by Sketchley's. It was a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Sketchley did all the dry cleaning, Middlesex did absolutely nothing. It's the sort of deal Phil is very good at negotiating. I often think he should represent the Latin American Debtor countries at the International Monetary Fund's interim committee.

During Phil's winter absence, however, the deal collapsed. It was therefore perhaps the Sharjah Inter-Continental laundry bag containing a cocktail of sweaty cricket socks, rancid jock straps and mildewed gold waterproofs left thoughtfully outside the bedroom door and marked 'rush job' that precipitated the return to our normal state of marital Star Wars.

I possess neither small children nor young animals and have therefore forgotten which category is supposed to get its nose rubbed in it. But when dealing with a 15-stone cricketer of approximate-



Monsieur Philippe-Henri Edmonds would generally collapse on the bed complaining of a splitting headache after bowling 30-odd overs in the blistering heat

ly twice your body weight it is difficult to apply the same criteria.

It is of course a question of getting used to living with someone after a lengthy separation. True, I did spend six weeks of the tour in India but that hardly constituted a holiday together.

The team would leave early every morning and return about teatime. Phil would generally collapse on the bed releasing his surgical corset worn to obviate any back problems and complaining of a splitting headache after bowling 30-odd overs in the blistering heat.

Ours is probably the only marriage where the husband wears the corsets and suffers from the headaches (no letters, please).

Peace will soon return. April until September is spent by Phil mainly racing up and down the motorway to such exotic locations as Old Trafford and Headingley.

Mrs Connolly (who looks after

the Edmonds household with the laconic affection of one used to dealing with nutters) and I will use the time gradually to mislay the Pandora's Box of cricket horribles which Phil carted back from tour.

Things like engraved ashtrays from Poona, autographed boomerangs from Sydney, unintelligible scripts from the United Arab Emirates probably advising you to flog your wife to within an inch of her life if ever you catch her in bed in the afternoon with a bottle of bubbly!

Oh well, it's all very nice to cup pose but not exactly the high life.

Apart from watching Dynasty and drinking bubbly I work part time as a conference interpreter.

I have a ton of documents to read, a trilingual vocabulary to compile, and a plane to catch—yet what is all that compared to a straight crease in immaculate whites for the next match versus Yorkshire?

Jamshed— East Bengal's golden goose

JAMSHED NASSIRI. The gentle giant East Bengal. The Iranian striker of the champion club of India has got the ability to venture into an uncharted course on the field and let loose a volley that could make a goalkeeper forget his profession

He is one of the three Iranians who came to study at Aligarh University and stayed back to play soccer in Calcutta. Since then, the total transfer money that these three ask is as expensive and powerful as their play

Majid Bhaksar has slipped into the darker recesses of single-only bars, while there is hardly any news of Khabazi. But it is Jamshed who has been keeping their brand of soccer still going on

He does not have the good-looking features of Majid, nor the sturdy muscle bound limbs of Khabazi. But one feels he embodies the qualities of the other two players in the right proportions, plus his ingen

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utv. Maybe that is why he has come through unscathed

The thick bristling moustache, a curly mop that never seems to be groomed and the brown-black eyes that are never still

East Bengal and coach Pradeep Kumar Banerjee must thank their stars (never mind if the bank balance is a little poorer) for having Jamshed in their ranks. Jamshed was weaned away from Mohd Sporting this season and P.K.'s boast of taking the Federation Cup '85 came true

Jamshed was the man who scored the only goal last year in Mohd Sporting's victory in the Federation Cup, and it was Jamshed again, who score the only goal (1st half extra time) that enabled East Bengal lift the huge glittering trophy and be named the Champion Club of India

In the fourth minute of extra time, Debashish Roy came towards the Mohun Bagan goal and punted the ball to Jamshed, who settled himself with the ball for just a fraction of a second on top of the Bagan box and let go on helluva shot that blurred high into the right side of the box,



Jamshed Nassiri...his boots never fail to spin magic

and one felt that had there been two goalkeepers instead of Jagdish Ghosh they still would not have stood a chance

That is Jamshed. One opportunity. One small chance and he grabs it with both feet. One remembers the gentle giant in last year's Rovers Cup football semis in Bombay, when Mohd Sporting met debutants Margaoa Port Trust Goa. He blazed a scorcher low and knowing the ball will settle in the net, turned away with certainty. But Arthur Correa Custodian executed one of the most brilliant saves, diving almost impossibly and collecting Jamshed turned and trotting back to Arthur patted him his face registering disbelief and awe at the same time

Honour for P.K. Banerjee

AND TALKING about football, and East Bengal's 1-0 over Mohan Bagar victory in particular in the Federation Cup, you just can't miss out the fact that it was mainly due to P.K.'s exemplary performance as coach of the team that did the trick

And now, after his 'victory', the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has honoured this former Olympian by making him the chief coach of the Indian team for the Asian Games to be held at Seoul next year.

Dilemma over fan-fencing

WHEN THE rioting fans at the Kenilworth Road stadium clashed with the police last month during the FA match between Luton and Millwall, the FA authorities wanted a resolution to be passed during an emergency meeting to fence all fans

Last week, had this resolution been passed and had the Bradford City stadium been fenced, the fire which broke there would have claimed more lives than the 53 recorded

The fans would have had nowhere to run, if they were fenced in, and one shudders to think anymore about it.

FA secretary of, course should have the last word on this:

Said Ted Croker: "Clubs with fences that could prevent fans getting onto the pitch in an emergency, would be vulnerable to even greater tragedy. I dread to think what the toll might have been had the fans not been able to clamber onto the pitch. Obviously, these tragic events must motivate a completely new kind of thinking about the safety aspects of perimeter fencing."

Golden haired boy is angelic no more

DENNIS LILLEE, in the first chapter of his book 'Over and Out' (serialised exclusively on pages 26-28) says of his former skipper Kim Hughes when he (Hughes) told Lillee that his bowling days were numbered:

"...the opinion of Kim Hughes—a man whose judgement I'd never respected anyway—was not going to be an overriding influence (to retire)."



Kim Hughes... money conscious now

Lillee saw through the blond skipper long before the Australian Cricket Board did when they elected him to skipper the Aussie side against the Calypso cavaliers.

Clive Lloyd's team lynched the Aussies Down Under and Kim Hughes went home crying and sniffling and the ACB had to rearrange their judgement and appoint Border as skipper for the next two Tests of the same series.

Kim Hughes, then knew that his playing days were kaput and he turned his eyes on the apartheid rands. Last week he told the Fourth Estate that his loyalty to establishment cricket meant nothing.

"My priorities now lie with ensuring my future and that of my

family...", he said. He continued that he disagreed with apartheid but he believed that by going to play in South Africa, he would come back a better person and would help him understand the problems better.

Now, this is a poor justification for playing in a country that has forgotten humane values. It is also poor justification for making tainted money.

Hadlee—rarin' to go

RICHARD HADLEE, the Kiwi speedster cannot be tied down. Everybody thinks that Hadlee, the most influential player in English country cricket, is a little jaded after New Zealand's disastrous tour of the Caribbeans, recently.

But wait a minute. Hadlee is the man who will not let a little jadedness come in between him and a couple o' dozen wickets in the current county season.

And right now, he is sharpening his talons on the red leather and is rarin' to go for gold and nothing else.

And the fears of Nottinghamshire are finally put to rest. They were apprehensive about Richard Hadlee.



Richard Hadlee... the Caribbean tour has not fazed him

this season. But they should not have bothered to exercise their fears. Hadlee is their star this season.

"I'm simply looking forward to enjoying my cricket again after the Caribbean series which was a battlefield."

Just goes to show the determination with which Hadlee goes about his business, which ultimately leads one to the fact that he is arguably the game's best allrounder.

Peacemaker gets the worst

AW KANMADIKAR, the secretary of the Board For Control of Cricket (BCCI) in India was stripped bare of the essentials by some mis-



A.W. Kanmadikar... will think twice next time

creants in the office of the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association in Indore last week and locked in the loo.

And this embarrassing position was accentuated by the fact that there was a black eye to go with it.

Being a peace-maker is a difficult job in these difficult times. He tried to make too hot-headed groups see reason and in the bargain became the butt of their collective anger.

Kanmadikar will think twice, one supposes, when next time he sees two warring groups make merry with fists and words.

One bitter lesson is enough to last one painful lifetime.

THE GREAT MATCHES

Seven balls which put Wes in Hall of Fame

By Christopher Hilton

ACROSS FIVE complete days – minus four minutes – Australia had been playing out an amazing Test against the West Indies at Brisbane in December, 1960.

The West Indies batted first and made 453. Australia replied with 505. Then West Indies made only 284.

It left Australia needing 233 to win in 312 minutes on the fifth day. They were 92 for six, then recovered to 226 for seven, but it had taken a long time...

THE SHADOWS were spreading patterns across the ground through them walking slowly to calm himself, breathing deeply. Wesley Hall moved to the end of his run up.

It was a long way to go. He was the fastest bowler in the world. He was wearing a cross on a chain and, as he moved, he kept touching it.

He paused for an instant at the beginning of his run-up, aware of every implication. Australia needed six runs to win and had three wickets left.

This was the last over. That run-up meant he took a lot longer than the four minutes left to get through an over, particularly the eight-ball Australian over.

Then Hall flowed in to bowl to Wally Grout, a natural late-order batsman. The ball reared and hit Grout on the thigh.

As he doubled up in agony he saw an apparition. Richie Benaud sprinting towards him from the non-striker's end for a desperate, suicidal single.

Benaud didn't call. That would

have instantly alerted the fielders. The ball had fallen beside Grout. Any of three fielders could have got it – if they had seen or heard what Benaud was doing.

Benaud made it, Grout made it.

And that was the first ball of the over. Australia five to win, three wickets.

In came Hall again. 17 strides. He had been ordered by his captain Frank Worrell not to bowl bouncers but he risked one against Benaud, who had scored 52 in 136 minutes.

Benaud, concentrating hard, hadn't expected one, but as he picked it up he tried a savage hook for four – virtually to win the match. He felt a "sharp touch" on the gloves.

Gerry Alexander, the wicket-keeper, caught it. And flung the ball high in the air to celebrate.

Hall, driven by the impetus of his run up in an arc across the square, pivoted, bayed an appeal. Out.

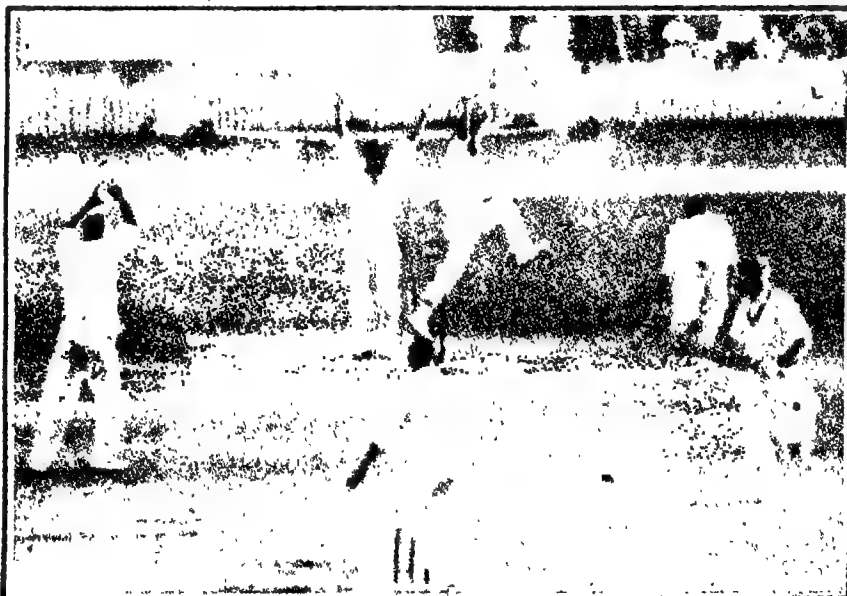
Worrell: "I thought I told you not to bowl a bouncer."

Hall: "But I got him, didn't I?"

Worrell: "That's not the point!"

And that was the second ball of the over. Australia five to win, two wickets.

Ian Meckiff next in and suddenly released from pacing up and down in the pavilion, was not a batsman, or even near one. He walked.



The camera captures a piece of history in the making—Meckiff run out—and the only tied Test match

cautiously, almost reluctantly, to the wicket.

He took guard. In came Hall, flowing across the grass. Meckiff drove it hard but Hall sprang at it, fielded it safely. No run.

In came Hall, the cross and chain flapping and beating at his chest – and bowled wide down the leg side. It went harmlessly through to Alexander

But Grout had seen how far back Alexander was standing and set off from the non-striker's end to steal an outrageous single. Meckiff, startled, began a wild dash up the wicket

Alexander wildly flung the ball and it reached Hall. He turned and shied at the stumps with Meckiff out of his ground. The ball missed Alf Valentine, backing up, had to dive to stop four overthrows

And that was the fourth ball of the over. Australia four to win, two wickets

Grout now had strike. In came Hall and Grout moved into position for the bouncer, didn't get one, and the ball went off the top edge to Rohan Kanhai at backward square leg. He was under it. He waited. Easy

Hall, seized by the moment, lost control. He charged towards Kanhai, jumped across him to make the catch himself – and the ball fell harmlessly down.

The crowd, on their feet, roared. The players' balcony was a chaos of tension – and wild release. Grout and Meckiff, largely unnoticed, had crossed for the single.

And that was the fifth ball of the over. Australia three to win, two wickets.

In came Hall, his shirt loose now and billowing behind him. Meckiff gambled like a tail-ender, took a good old swing at it, hit it in the middle, and the ball sailed harmlessly towards the mid-wicket boundary. No fielder stood there.

The match was over. It had been good while it lasted, wonderfully good, what a finish – and what a way to finish it, cleanly, with a whopping four.

But by some freakish oversight the grass hadn't been mown out there and the ball slowed and slowed and came peacefully to rest a foot from the boundary, closely followed by a panting Conrad Hunte

The batsmen had turned for the



Wes Hall... fastest bowler in the world

third – and winning – run as Hunte grabbed the ball and threw, all in one fluid movement. He was 90 yards from the stumps and he needed – absolutely – to put the ball straight into Alexander's gloves to run Grout out

Grout flung himself at the crease and reached it flat on his belly. But the throw had come like a bolt from a crossbow and Alexander had smashed the stumps with the ball in a ferocious flourish

Grout, dusty, dirty and shaken, run out two

And that was the sixth ball of the over. The first two runs counted. The scores were level, one wicket

Lindsay Kline, the last man, made the loneliest journey a man could make. After he had taken guard there was an absolute, astonishing, total silence

In came Hall, this ebony man, shirt dishevelled – but still, in his 18th over, smooth, still making the ball do 90 miles an hour

It pitched middle and leg and Kline stabbed it towards forward short leg. The crowd shrieked: Go for the winning run! Go for the winner!

Both batsman did. They had crossed as Joe Solomon picked up the ball and threw exactly side-on to the stumps. It meant he had only one stump to air at.

Meckiff was two desperate paces from home, lunging, reaching out for it with his bat. As he dipped to make it the ball scattered the stumps.

I. Meckiff, run out 2.

And that was the seventh ball of the over – and the only Test match which has ever been tied

NEXT WEEK: The hero of the longest day

THE TIED TEST-BRISBANE 1960

WEST INDIES-First Innings

C Hunte c Benaud b Davidson	24
C Smith c Grout b Davidson	7
R Kanhai c Grout b Davidson	15
G Sobers c Kline b Meckiff	132
F Worrell c Grout b Davidson	65
J Solomon hit wkt b Simpson	65
P Lashley c Grout b Kline	19
F Alexander c Davidson b Kline	60
S Ramadhin c Harvey b Davidson	12
W Hall st Grout b Kline	50
A Valentine not out	0
Lb 3, W 1	4

Total 453

FALL-23, 42, 65, 239, 243, 283, 347, 366, 452

BOWLING-Davidson 30 2-135 5, Meckiff 18-0-129 1, Mackay 3-0-15 0, Benaud 24 3-93-0, Simpson 8 0-25 1, Kline 17 6 5-52 3.

Second Innings

C Hunte c Simpson b Mackay	39
C Smith c O'Neill b Davidson	8
R Kanhai c Grout b Davidson	54
G Sobers b Davidson	14
F Worrell c Grout b Davidson	65
J Solomon lbw Simpson	47
P Lashley b Davidson	0
F Alexander b Benaud	5
S Ramadhin c Harvey b Simpson	6
W Hall b Davidson	18
A Valentine not out	7
B 14, Lb 7, W 2	23

Total 284

FALL-13, 68, 114, 127, 210, 210, 241, 250, 253

BOWLING-Davidson 24 5-4-87-6, Meckiff 4-1-19-0, Mackay 21 7-52-1, Benaud 31 6-89-1, Simpson 7 2-18-2, Kline 4-0-14-0, O'Neill 1-0-2 0.

AUSTRALIA-First Innings

C McDonald c Hunte b Sobers	57
R Simpson b Ramadhin	92
N Harvey b Valentine	15
N O'Neill c Valentine b Hall	181
L Favell run out	45
K Mackay b Sobers	35
A Davidson c Alexander b Hall	44
R Benaud lbw Hall	10
W Grout lbw Hall	4
I Meckiff run out	4
L Kline not out	3
B 2, Lb 8, W 1, Nb 4	15

Total 505

FALL-84, 138, 194, 278, 381, 469, 484, 489, 496

BOWLING-Hall 29.3-1-140-4, Worrell 30 0-93 0, Sobers 32-0 115 2, Valentine 24 6-82-1, Ramadhin 15-1-60 1

Second Innings

C McDonald b Worrell	16
R Simpson c sub (Gibbs) b Hall	0
N Harvey c Sobers b Hall	5
N O'Neill c Alexander b Hall	26
L Favell c Solomon b Hall	7
K Mackay b Ramadhin	28
A Davidson run out	80
R Benaud c Alexander b Hall	52
W Grout run out	2
I Meckiff run out	2
L Kline not out	0
B 2, Lb 9, Nb 3	14

Total 232

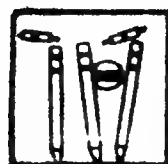
FALL-1, 7, 49, 57, 92, 228, 228, 232

BOWLING-Hall 17 7-3-63-5, Worrell 18 3-41-1, Sobers 8-0-30-0, Valentine 10-4-27-0, Ramadhin 17-3-57-1

UMPIRES: C Hoy, G J Edgar

Back From The Dead

By Dennis Lillee



IT WAS a sunny enough afternoon in September, 1983, when I arrived at Perth's WACA ground for the meeting I'd been told by West Australian captain Kim Hughes that it was to be an occasion for the senior players to discuss prospects for the approaching season. That being so, I expected Rod Marsh, Bruce Laird, Graeme Wood and Greg Shipperd—all senior players certainly—to be there. But no, it was just Kim and I.

I didn't realise immediately that Kim had intended it to be so. But as it turned out, he had a few things to say to me and he wanted them said in private. Fair enough. He was,

after all, the State captain and as a player I was duty-bound to listen to whatever he had to say.

It became abundantly clear to me during the conversation that Kim thought I had lost more than merely some of my hair. He said he thought it wise to tell me at the start of the season that he didn't expect me to play a very major role that summer.

His reasons were well-founded. I was getting older, he said. I had lost my pace, he said. I would probably have to bowl into the wind at first change, he said. At this point I interjected:

'What do you mean?' I asked. Are you talking as the Australian captain about what my role in the Test matches will be? Or are you talking about my role in the WA side?

'Oh no, I'm not talking about the Australian side. I'm talking about W.A.', he replied. So, Kim continued, as you are getting older, I'll be looking for you to bowl your 15 or so overs in an innings and maybe finish with 2-45. If you can do that for me, I'll consider you've done a good job.

Kim went on and on but what he was virtually saying was: 'Fot old boy. I think you've just about had it. Maybe you still have a little to offer here and there but by and large it's nearly all over for you.'

He didn't realise how close to the mark he was. It had been my firm intention to retire at the end of the previous season when the Englishmen were in Australia. I didn't and I put in a lot of blood, sweat and tears preparing for the 1983/84 Tests against Pakistan and the ensuing one-day series against the Pakis and the West Indies.

Neither was the opinion of Kim Hughes—a man whose judgement I'd never really respected anyway—going to be the overriding influence. And the opinions of the press were not going to sway me a centimetre one way or the other.

Headlines calling for my sacking and enforced retirement had become old hat. They annoyed me without worrying me. Cricket writers are so often wrong that on the rare occasions their judgement is vindicated they consider themselves in the oracle class. In fact, the anti-Lillee outpourings in the press only spurred me on. And if you think it was intended that way, forget it.

I'd felt the cutting edge of the selectors' axe, for the first time in my career, during the World Cup series in England in 1983. I didn't like it and I felt I'd been treated shabbily. My figures in the previous game had been no worse than any other Australian bowler's. Viv took us by the scruff of the neck and beat our brains out. It was a very chastening



experience and I guess someone's head had to roll to satisfy the blood-lust of the critics back home. It was mine.

The team for the next match was announced and I wasn't in it. It was there and then, on a dark and grey English morning that I started my mental and physical preparation for the next summer against Pakistan.

I had set my sights on playing all five Tests against the Pakis, regardless of what Hughes thought and regardless of what the press said. I was determined to go out on centre stage, rather than fade away in the wings. While my words and misdeeds had often landed me in the soup, nobody-but nobody-would ever be able to suppress my determination and will to win.

Sure, I was a bit older. Even Hughes got that right. He said, I'd lost some pace. Right again, Kim. But I'll be damned if I was going to accept bowling 15 or so overs into the wind. First change for W.A.? It wasn't going to end that way. No way!

Looking back on my career now, I guess I really had a mental full-dress rehearsal for my retirement day many years ago. I refer to my back injury, which, at the time, seemed to cost me an arm and a leg as well. I was sidelined for a season, as a bowler anyway. I had a number of stress fractures in my back and for a season I was confined to batting at grade level in Perth.

It went through two operations, that knee, and after the second I was being written out of the script again. Even Richie Benaud, a mate and wise counsellor over many years and a critic not given to extravagant predictions, wrote my epitaph. I'll never forget the newspaper headline: "Goodbye Dennis - not even you can overcome this one." It was Richie Benaud talking. He said I wouldn't make it back. He could have easily been right.

It's history now that I tried to come back too soon in a Shield match, trying desperately to get back in the Test team before the series against England finished. Had I made it, I may well have done what some people wanted: retired.

Maybe-just maybe-if they hadn't dropped me after the belting Viv Richards gave us all, I'd have seen out that series and announced my retirement from big-time cricket before Pakistan arrived on what turned out, for them, to be a singularly ill-fated tour. But no, with a mental two-finger gesture to my gathering host of knockers, I came for the last hurrah.

"FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS I HAVE BEEN PREDICTING THAT LILLEE WOULD RETIRE-- TODAY I HAVE BEEN PROVED RIGHT..."

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The prospect of fighting my way back into a Test team likely to be captained by a bloke who was planning to bowl me first change for W.A. was less than encouraging. But I figured I could make it.

On that score, I sought the opinion of entrusted colleagues who would not mince words. At 34, a fast bowler does not want to hear sweet nothings whispered in his ear. He wants the truth, and if the truth happens to be brutal, then that's how it must be.

But the verdict was good. Yes, they said, W.A. still needed me. I was an asset to the side, not a passenger. It was then a question of how the national selectors, one of whom (Lawrie Sawle) was from W.A., would feel when first Test time came around.

It is always easy in retrospect, when a side touring Australia has been beaten, to say we were always going to have their measure. No-one was prepared to say we were always going to have their arrival early in November, 1983.

What nobody really predicted was the enormous difference the absence of the injured Imran Khan would make to Pakistan.

A fit Imran is according to me unquestionably the finest all-round cricketer in the world. But he announced on his arrival in Australia that he had no chance of bowling in the first two Tests and if he played at all in those games it would be as a batsman. As it turned out, Imran did not bowl a ball in Australia. It left the Pakistan selectors with curried egg all over their faces and eventually exposed the amazing situation whereby sport not only mixes with politics in that country but is dominated by it.

Imran's absence as strike bowler and inspiring leader in Australia demoralised Pakistan, which was most unfortunate. The Australian selectors, though, weren't to know that, when they considered the candidates for the first Test in Perth. Only the best team would do. I made that team.

To my eternal surprise, Hughes gave me use of the new ball. He explained it later as a horses-for-courses decision. I knew conditions in Perth better than anyone else so it was only logical I should get the new ball. Good thinking, Kim.

I took only one wicket for the match but I reckoned I bowled as well as I have at any time in my career. And so to Brisbane. All of a sudden, I found myself fourth bowler into the attack and into the wind and up the hill, too. When Hughes finally tossed me the ball, I felt flat. After doing my thing first all those years, it was hard to make the adjustment. I thought I had served pretty well over the years and I felt that my bowling in Perth was as good as ever. I was as flat as yesterday's beer and I bowled accordingly. I got only two overs in the second innings before the rains came and (you guessed it) out came the knives again. No way can Lillee play in Adelaide. He's finished now.

While I was picked in the team for Adelaide, there was still much speculation as to whether or not I would be carrying the drinks. Surely, we must have a spinner in the side, said the all-knowing press. They may have been right, of course, but firstly you must have a spinner good enough.

Certainly, the Pakistanis didn't enjoy the pace bowling in the first two Tests, and while it was true the

pitches helped us a great deal, why change a winning combination?

The problem was resolved when Carl Rackemann broke down in the Sheffield Shield match against N.S.W. and, all of a sudden, I found the new ball back in my hand.

I did well in Adelaide, taking 6/171 for the match, and from then on I felt as though I would finish the

season well. In Melbourne I took five wickets and in Sydney, the final Test, I took eight, giving 20 for the series, which isn't bad for an old fellow.

Naturally, the final Test was a very memorable one for me. They were five very crowded days. So much happened up there in Sydney that the situation began to divorce itself from reality. First Greg Chap-

pel retired. Then I retired. Then Greg went out to play one of the grandest innings of even his incomparable career. Then Rod Marsh (who hates to be left out of anything) chipped in his 355th Test victim—by marvellous coincidence, my own tally of wickets. And on top of all that we won a Test match which at the end of the fourth day seemed doomed to a draw.

Even now, with plenty of time to think it over, I can't really describe what it's like to leave the Test arena for the last time after a career like I've enjoyed. Maybe a spasm of sorrow, just a twinge, as I walked from the Sydney Cricket Ground. More, I think, a feeling of great relief. Something like coming out of the clouds. It was all over for Dennis Keith Lillee. A little later, perhaps, than Kim Hughes had envisaged, but over just the same. The pressures had gone.

A mate phoned me next day and reckoned it had been a fairytale ending. And I suppose, on reflection, it was. I had trouble getting my mind back on to the job after the retirement announcement. Even when I was bowling in the Pakistan second innings I was quite 100 per cent aware of the job in hand. Until I had a look at the scoreboard.

Christ, this is a Test match. I told myself. The opposition are five down and you haven't taken a wicket yet! I finished with 4/88 and, happily, took a wicket with my final delivery in a Test match.

My mate on the phone was right. It was a fairytale ending. What followed was unreal, too. It was to be the last time that Greg, Rod and I would be in the rooms after a Test match as players.


Celebrations that night had been arranged at two venues and we were to stick together like the 7th Cavalry at the Little Bighorn. The first, a pub, was well-organised, but fragmentation set in and we arrived at the second in twos and threes.

As I stood on tip-toe at the door of this nightspot looking about for the rest of the crew, a finger tapped my shoulder and a voice said: "Excuse me, weren't you Dennis Lillee?" I spun around to face a broadly-grinning Geoff Lawson. Cheeky bugger. You'd think he'd have given the corpse time to grow cold, wouldn't you?

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Hughes and Lillee leave the field of battle





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Basant Singh... on his way to winning the 400m hurdles

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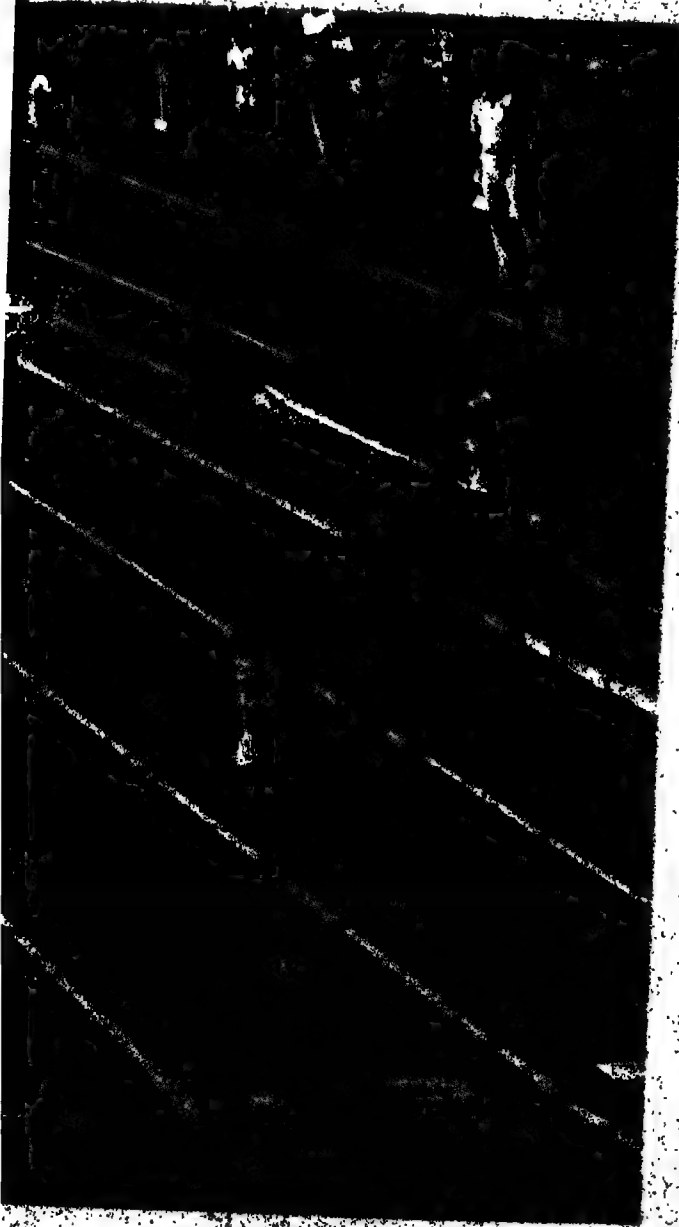


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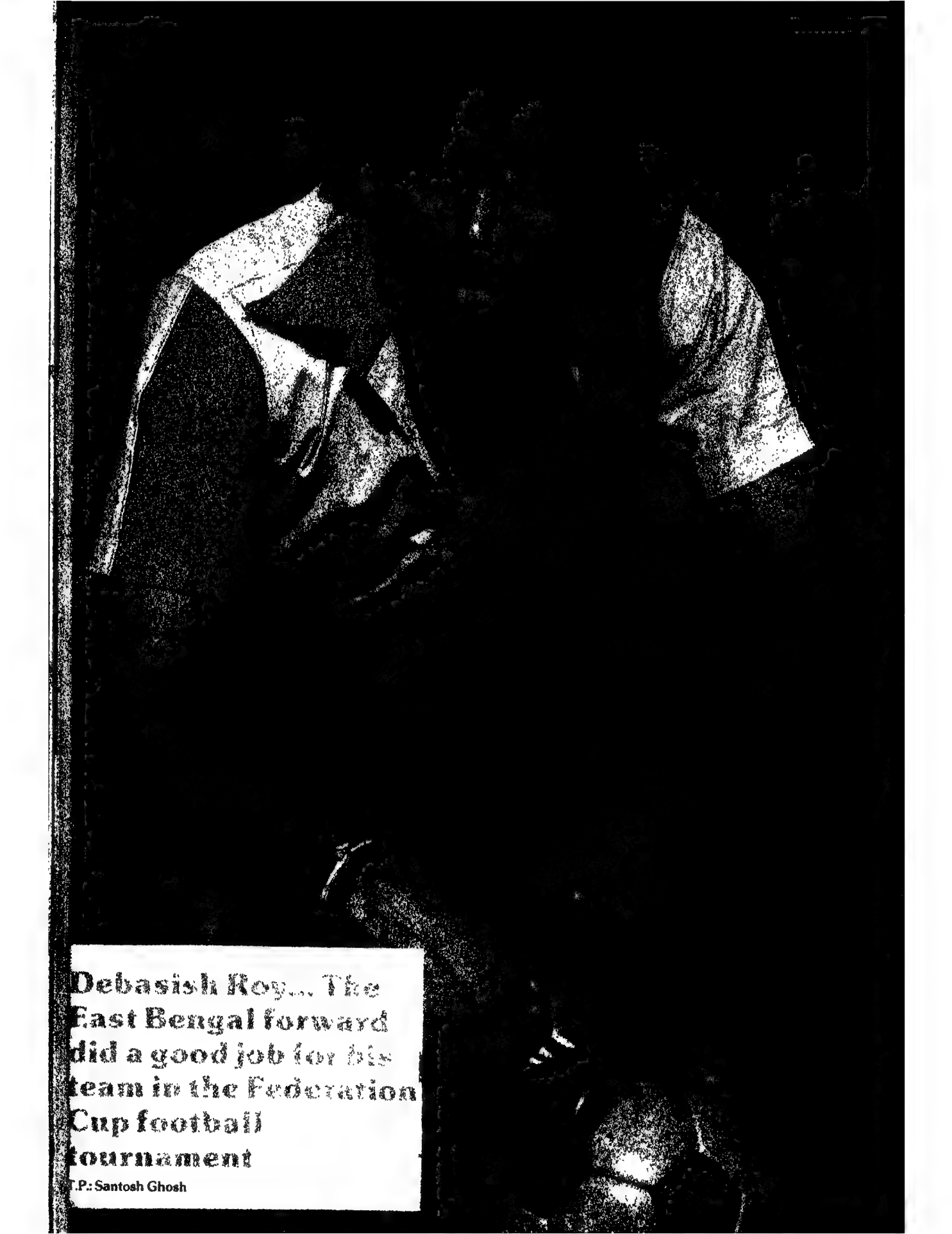
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C.S. Bajwa... winning
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KAMLESH MEHTA

Toil and sacrifice spell success

By Kumar Krishnan



It is 7.30 in the morning Kamlesh Mehta arrives at the P J Hindu Gymkhana for his normal daily training. He commences with a warm up comprising slow running, callisthenics, short sprints. The whole exercise takes about 40 minutes. He rests for about 10 minutes before beginning his on-table practice. His face acquires a grimmer disposition and is geared up with one pointed concentration to the task on hand. The session gets underway.

He unleashes his wide repertoire of strokes—deft services, vicious topspin, defensive jabs, adroit changes in pace, delicate loops, punitive smashes, amazing retrie-

vals—all executed to perfection.

This is followed by an hour of Yoga exercises before he winds up his morning session. That is Kamlesh Mehta, reigning national table tennis champion and skipper of the Indian contingent that finished a creditable 12th at the 38th World Table Tennis Championship at Gothenburg.

Kamlesh is short, rather frail and there is a boyish innocence about his face. But once in the playing arena, he moves with amazing celerity and the pugnacity of spirit effaces out of the puny exterior. Bereft of the airs of a champion, Kamlesh is soft spoken and warm in his manner.

Kamlesh is a Bombayite in the sense that he was born and reared in Bombay. He did his schooling at the St. Joseph High School, Wadala.

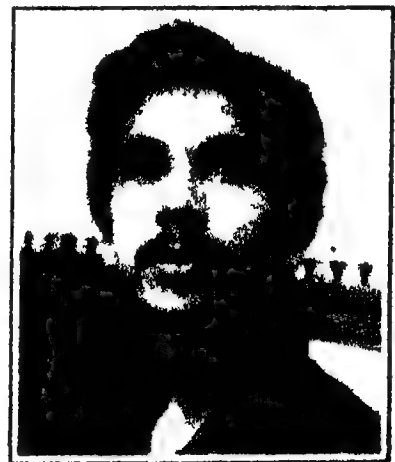
The youngest of three sons and a daughter of Navinchandra Mehta, a trader in spices, Kamlesh was born on May 1, 1960. It was when he joined the Matunga Gymkhana exactly a decade after his birth that the seeds of the budding champion were first sown.

Initially I was totally ignorant about the game, says Kamlesh, recounting his initiation to the sport. I did not even know the rules of the game, how it was played or how the points were scored.

It was then that his father purchased a bat for him and explained the elementaries of the game. Initially when he began, he did not have any ambition to excel.

I was playing merely to enjoy the game, he says. But then he did not have the slightest inkling that he would some day win the national crown and don the national colours.

Kamlesh tasted success just six months after taking off the game. He won his inter-class title. However, a liver ailment took an adverse toll on his health. He became lan-



International Kamlesh Mehta—the reigning national champion

guid and was compelled to give up playing for two years, being condemned to convalescence. By 1974 and however, Kamlesh was on his feet playing regularly once again.

The year 1975 was a significant one for him. He clinched the Inter-School title and started playing major tournaments. He was a member of the Maharashtra team which won the team championship at the nationals. He also underwent a short coaching camp for promising juniors under Boms! Amalsadwala. He had by now earnestly taken to the game.

Kamlesh's career has been one of consistent progress and his goals have also kept pace with him. He has never been a rambustious individual who erected castles in the air. As a junior, he just yearned to be the best.

In 1976 he won his first major tournament—the CCI Open—and that too a double crown, winning the singles and the doubles. He was ranked No. 2 in Maharashtra and seeded seventh for the national junior championship. However, in the singles at the nationals, he was



Kamlesh Mehta—a wide repertoire of strokes

eliminated in the pre-quarter-finals but had the consolation of bagging two silvers. He partnered S. Sriram, his Podar College mate, to finish runners up in the doubles and enabled Maharashtra finish second.

The victory in the CCI Open gave him a tremendous boost and it spurred him on to do even better. His immediate goal underwent a revision. He now wanted to get into the Maharashtra seniors' squad.

Kamlesh knew that 1977 was a crucial year for him and he practised relentlessly twice a day. The important breakthrough came. He was selected in the state team for the nationals at Vallabh Vidysagar, Anand.

What followed there was even more sensational. In his very first match of the team championship against Delhi, Kamlesh shocked reigning national champion Manjit Dua and then went on to scalp Vilas Menon and Ramesh Babu in later matches to help Maharashtra finish fourth.

By 1979, Kamlesh had emerged as the best in Maharashtra and his national ranking improved to No. 2 along with Manmeet Singh. He finished fourth in the singles at the nationals but his streak of victories with the formidable V. Chandrashekhar and V. Chandramouli falling along the wayside helped Maharashtra in winning the team championship.

He made his international debut when he represented the country at the Asian Championships at Calcutta in 1980. However, except for a stunning victory over the Thailand No. 1, Charlie B. Wuvanich, he did not do much in the tournament. He lost in the qualifying rounds of the open singles event.

Undaunted by that, Kamlesh maintained his zeal and dedication towards the game. All the time he was learning, endeavouring 'to improve his game in every possible way.

In the national meet held at Bangalore, he was not really in form. His training was impeded by his preoccupation with his university examinations. The Maharashtra team led by him finished fifth and so was his position in the singles, as a result his national ranking slid to No. 6. But in a tournament at the same venue immediately following the national meet for which leading players from Vietnam had been invited, Kamlesh gathered his bearings and shrugging off the gloom of his performance earlier, overcame Manmeet Singh in a grim battle in the finals.

Kamlesh accompanied the Indian team to the 36th World Table Tennis Championship at Novi Sad in Yugoslavia, but bar the match he played and won against Israel, he remained a 'clapping member'—as Kamlesh himself puts it—for the rest of the tournament. Neither could he make a mark on the international scene, bowing out in the qualifying rounds itself.

For the 1981 nationals at Palghat Kamlesh was seeded third. He began on a confident note winning his early matches with aplomb. But in the final he succumbed to national champion V. Chandrashekhar. He was now ranked No. 2 in the country behind Chandra.

In 1982, sports activities in the country were gone through with the Asian Games in mind. The periodical coaching camps helped Kamlesh much in brushing up his game. The Pentangular Championships were held that year at Kathmandu from where Kamlesh returned with three golds and a silver. He won the singles and mixed doubles titles and finished second in the doubles.

In the decisive match against Pakistan in the team events, both teams had levelled at 4-4 each with Kamlesh's last match still left. Unruffled by the importance of the

occasion, Kamlesh with dexterity and determination won his match and clinched the issue for India. Even now Kamlesh reminisces over that match with a feeling of immense satisfaction.

But Kamlesh's best performance of the year was reserved for the Asian Trial Games. After cruising through to the final rather comfortably, he snuffed out No. 1 Chandrashekhar in straight games. Kamlesh then paired with Sujay Ghorpade to win the doubles as well.

In any sportsman's life the honour of leading one's country in an international tournament is one of the most treasured moments of his life. So was it for the 22-year-old Kamlesh who was chosen captain of the Indian squad for the Delhi Asian Games. In the team championship, India began disastrously losing 0-5 to South Korea though individually the players had put up a good fight. The Indians then rallied to finish fifth.

What was laudable about Kamlesh was his decision to opt out of the remaining matches because he was unsure of his form and he felt that the other members of the team were in finer fettle than him. Such a selfless gesture, coming from him as skipper, reveals his admirable



V. Chandramouli of Tamil Nadu, the runner-up, congratulates Kamlesh Mehta of Maharashtra on winning the men's national title.

attribute of putting the team's interest before self.

Eight years on the national scene ultimately bore fruit, Kamlesh won his first national title at Indore breezing past Chandrashekhar in straight games, thus avenging his defeat suffered the previous year.

Kamlesh was again chosen to lead the Indian team for the 1983 Commonwealth Games at Kuala Lumpur. In the team events, India finished fifth and in the open singles Kamlesh did well to reach the pre-quarter-finals where he met his match in Englishman Graham Sandley.

However, in the doubles, the pair of Kamlesh and Manjit Dua gave a gritty display to finish runner up behind the Commonwealth No. 1 Chui Men Kieu and No. 2 Chan Kong Wah, of Hong Kong.

What is more praiseworthy is that Kamlesh and Manjit had never played together in doubles previously. That they should have vibed so well speaks much of their adaptability.

The 37th World Championships followed immediately at Tokyo. In the team event, Kamlesh, along with the others had a stellar role to play in getting India promoted to Category I. He won about 75 per cent of his matches scalping

among others Atanda Musa and Francis Sule of Nigeria and Robert Tuckett of Australia. India finished 18th though in the ultimate analysis, India's position moved to 16th.

In the singles Kamlesh was the lone Indian to make it to the last 32 with a fine victory over M. Maehara, winner of the Japan Open and considered No. 3 in Japan. He bowed to Zoran Kalinich of Yugoslavia, the world No. 10.

The nationals that year at New Delhi was particularly bitter for him. He failed to retain his title losing to S. Sriram in the final. Kamlesh has unpleasant memories of the match since he feels he played much below par, committing many unforced errors. For him it was one those days when nothing went well!

The first Asia Cup was held in China. In the open singles events, Kamlesh finished 13th upsetting on the way K. Kasahara the Japanese No. 4 and Chan Kong Wah the Commonwealth No. 2. He had, at last, made his presence felt at international level. He was ranked 21st in Asia.

The 1984 Pentangular Championships at Indore was one of the greatest successes of his life. Indore has always been a happy hunting ground for him. Not only

did he sweep the singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles but also led the Indian team to victory.

Islamabad hosted the Asian Championship that year and in spite of taking an inexperienced side, India finished fifth, Kamlesh himself winning 11 of the 15 matches that he played. By then his Asian ranking had improved to 18th.

The first Grand Prix prize money championship was held at New Delhi and Calcutta, for which some of the leading players of the world had been invited. Kamlesh was the only Indian player to qualify for a share in the prize money. He finished 8th and 7th respectively. Among his victims were Kin Ki Taek, the world No. 12, and Eric Bogan of the U.S., the world No. 18 whose unconventional style of play had confounded many.

Kamlesh continued to gain in experience and in the second Asia Cup at New Delhi further progressed to finish a creditable 10th.

His dominance over the national scene assumed even larger proportions with the tragic exit of V. Chandrashekhar. In the finals of the singles at the nationals he brushed aside V. Chandramouli in straight games - in fact right through the tournament, he had dropped only one game - and then paired with Sujay Ghorpade to make it a double.

Kamlesh's best-ever performance in the international circuit came at the Commonwealth Games at the Isle of Man in U.K. He lost in the quarter-finals to the top seed and eventual winner Desmond Douglas of England. His performance in the team event was equally commendable. He won 12 of his 15 matches to enable India finish fifth.

Closely on its heels came the 38th World Championships at Gothenburg. The team had a delicate task at hand. India ranked 16th had to finish in the first 14 to avoid relegation to Category II. And the team, except for Kamlesh, lacked in terms of international experience. After the initial losses to Sweden and France, the Indian team bounced back to surprise Italy and Denmark. They lost the fight for the 11th place to Hong Kong and ultimately finished 12th - the best-ever by any Indian team.

Kamlesh himself regards his three victories in the crucial tie against Italy, along with his first national title, as the most memorable moments of his career.

The last two tournaments have



Kamlesh Mehta, who dropped just one game right through the nationals, paired with Sujay Ghorpade with whom he paired to win the doubles crown

given him a tremendous propulsion and now he feels motivated to do even better. His aim now is to obtain a good ranking in the world circuit.

Doesn't he ever dream of sweeping aside the Chinese challenge and crowning himself as the world champion? No. Kamlesh has a realistic and practical outlook towards life. He does not indulge in flights of fantasies. His ascension up the ladder of progress and success has been gradual.

But doesn't that tantamount to underestimation of talent in our country? "No I don't think the Chinese are unbeatable," he avers confidently. "There is no dearth of talent in our country, and we are quite capable of reaching world standards. But it is not a miracle that can take place overnight. A result-oriented programme, earnestly implemented, alone can help us in this regard.... say in about a decade."

China is also a developing country like India confronted with many similar problems. Then how is it they have attained such heights? Kamlesh says: "In China, they have a professional attitude towards sports. Table tennis is extremely popular there. For them the sport is a profession and in this respect the government secures their present and future. Hence they can totally dedicate themselves to the sport.

"Promising players in the group of 8-10 are singled out for systematic and extensive training. So by the time they are 17-20 years they are already world class. Whereas in India there are so many problems facing a player—academics, family

burdens, financial insecurity—so the sportsman is unable to totally devote himself to the sport."

Most sportsmen when they start off have some idol or inspiration whom they strive to emulate but Kamlesh never had any. Though he does like watching Tibor Klampfen (Hungary) and John Ove Waldner (Sweden) who are his favourites. Among the Chinese he rates Guoyue Hua, twice world champion, as one of the best players he has seen.

Kamlesh has a game akin to that of the Chinese—a game based on aggression and close-to-the-table play. "I usually watch the Chinese with a view to learn and improve my game," he says.

Among Indians he rates V.Chandrasekar as the best player he has seen and played against.

Kamlesh's success is the result of a lot of toil and sacrifice. In this respect he is particularly indebted to his family who have done much for him. "My father has always been a great source of strength and inspiration," he acknowledges. "It was he who helped me maintain a balance avoiding over-exultation in victory or demoralisation in defeat. I owe much to them for whatever I am today," he confesses.

And yet Kamlesh's own tenacity and perseverance have been none-the-less remarkable. He has gone through the grind of training, fatigue, failure... all such integral precedents of success.

Kamlesh's humility is further manifested when he says: "I don't think I was very talented. Certainly not one of those prodigies who reach radical heights in leaps and bounds. But what gratifies me is that over the years my improve-



Champ in the making... Kamlesh Mehta in action during his first State Championships—the year was 1975

ment has been discernible and progress consistent."

To what does he attribute this positive progress?

"I have the will to work hard; to train regularly. I have been regular in whatever I have done and that has paid dividends."

Kamlesh has never had a personal coach though like the diligent bee he has been absorbing the best. His game is a product of the hard school of trial and error. However, he did learn much from the North Korean coach Pak U Gil who had trained the Indian team for the Delhi Asian Games. "He had an obsession for physical fitness and it was he who inculcated in us the need to devote adequate attention to improve our fitness.

"It was only after that did I realise the importance of systematic training to a programme. From 1980 onwards I have framed my own training schedules and I strive to adhere to it," he says.

What comprises his training?

Training is a round the year process for him. "In the off-season which is for about 2-3 months, I concentrate more on raising my level of fitness. I run long distances to improve my stamina, do short sprints for speed and other exercises to build adequate strength to last the full season. In my on-the-table practice, I try to innovate new shots, techniques or services, or improvise, within the framework of my game.

"In the playing season, I endea-



The Mehta family at home

your to maintain my fitness and concentrate more on actual practice to hone my skills. The mind also has to be trained to remain positive and meet the season ahead optimistically, irrespective of results.

The rapid movement of the ping pong to the edges of the table calls for sharp eyesight, undistracted concentration and quicksilver reflexes. Since the last year Kamlesh has been doing yoga, the ancient Indian science of health under the guidance of Sunil Vakil, a former badminton player. The results are clearly perceptible according to Kamlesh. "Not only has it helped in improving my flexibility and concentration, but has also favourably affected my temperament."

Kamlesh has also started weight training with light poundages for added power in his game. This is one aspect of training which he feels is badly neglected in India. "Apt weight training under the supervision of an expert could make considerable difference to one's game. In fact it is one of the main factors for the additional punch in the game of the Chinese," he says.

Kamlesh gained much from his training stints in Yugoslavia and South Korea. In 1984, one of the Korean coaches was on a visit to India. He was impressed with



Kamlesh Mehta... his career has been one of consistent progress

Kamlesh's game and invited him. Kamlesh's employers Dena Bank where he works as an officer plausibly bore his air fare. These stints proved of immense value to him.

"I realised that at world level where the repertoire of strokes of most players is more or less on the same plane, the service and return of service are also of primary importance. One has to have a wide variety in service only then can one

put one's shots to effective use."

With greater competition and professional approach in sports the pre-match preparation of a player also acquired great importance—the control of the 'butterflies in the stomach,' the gearing up of the mind to the task at hand.

Kamlesh says "There is great difference in preparing for a national and an international tournament. In the nationals you know the opponent's game well and know what to expect. But in international tournaments where so little is known about the opponent, pre-match preparation is altogether different.

"Usually I go to the playing hall about 45 minutes before my match, warm up, get a little used to the conditions and then sit quietly in solitude, contemplating the pattern of game I would be playing, with emphasis more on the stronger points."

Among other sports, Kamlesh loves badminton, football and one-day cricket, though he seldom finds time for any of them.

In his spare time, which is few, he relaxes by listening to old Hindi film songs or engrosses himself in the thrills of detective novels.

Considering the condition of Indian sports as it is today what would Kamlesh advocate to re-vamp it?

"We need a stronger base at school level. It should be made compulsory for every student to participate in some game. Then according to the player's aptitude, he should be given specialised training in the sport. In this respect the 8-10 age category would be



India captain Kamlesh Mehta meets the President of India, Zail Singh

best. We have talent aplenty but lack the basic infrastructure to mould it.

"Secondly, there is too much obsession and emphasis on academics as a result even the favourably disposed player is weaned

"At a higher level, sportsmen should be given remunerative jobs, financial security, better incentives and rewards for good performances. In India whatever a player achieves is almost always on his own or the benevolence of his near and dear ones, only then is he accorded recognition

"Most players are unable to avail of good equipment because of financial limitations. Some mea-

sures should be taken to import good equipment and make them more easily accessible at subsidised rates. ...it's all a long process."

Most people, especially critics, are prone to comparing players, the past and the present though much of it is hypothetical. Kamlesh abhors any addition to or detracting from any player's merit. "It is a futile exercise," he says. "I believe if a man is good on his day, he is good, that is all".

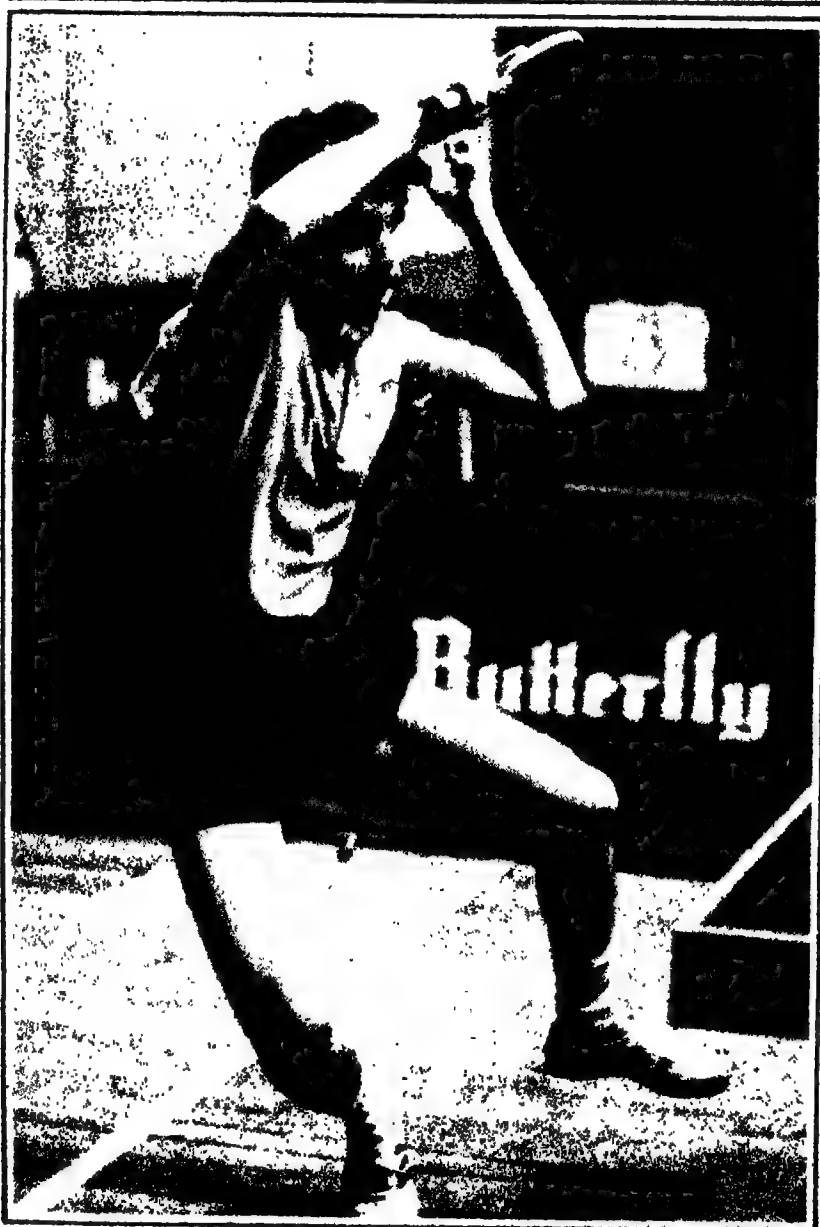
Much in contrast to many sportsmen, Kamlesh has not the slightest lament of the gains accruing to cricketers. "If they are getting, if people are willing to pay, well and good. Anyway what really satisfies me is that at least in some sport,

the players are duly rewarded."

Kamlesh has truly manifested the sportsman's spirit. He says: "When I started playing the game, did I, so that I could make money? What ever I have achieved, I have, because I wanted to prove myself. Then why should I crib, if I don't get what another is getting." Certainly words carrying great weight and wisdom.

It is night and darkness overtakes the slim young man as he trudges his way back to the bus stop, tired after his evening training, evanescent in the crowds. How many among the commuters would realise that in their midst stood international Kamlesh Mehta, reigning national champion

INTIMATE INTERVIEW



Name	: Kamlesh Navinchandra Mehta
Nickname	: Kamu
Star sign	: Taurus
Height	: 5ft. 6in.
Weight	: 55 kgs
Hair colour	: Black
Marital status	: Bachelor
Favourite dish	: Sweet dishes (Jilebi, Rasgulla)
Favourite drink	: Lassi
Favourite TV show	: Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi
Favourite magazine	: SPORTSWEEK, Sportstar
Latest book read	: The Fountainhead
Favourite relaxation	: Listening to soft Indian music, sleeping
Favourite music	: Old Hindi film songs
Favourite other sport	: Badminton
Own car	: Maruti coming shortly
Fears	: Stagnation
Superstition	: None really
Favourite playing venue	: Indore
Most memorable match	: Match against Constantini of Italy in the 38th World championship
Biggest disappointment	: Losing the 1983 final in the Nationals
Most promising teammate	: Sujay Ghorpade
Countries played in	: Sweden, Finland, Pakistan, Nepal, Japan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Malaysia, North and South Korea
Favourite all-time player	: Tibor Clamper (Hungary)
Ambition	: Win more laurels for India

Hana is gunning for Martina

By Barry Newcombe



THE one million dollar bonus on offer to the all too rare winners of the Grand Slam in tennis is being phased out. A thousand unknowns around the world will benefit instead.

This is a big step towards reality by the International Tennis Federation and I applaud it. Why it was ever thought necessary to pay out a bonus for winning the Slam is beyond me.

Whoever won it was certain to be vastly wealthy anyway – as Martina Navratilova, the highest



Martina Navratilova reeled off 74 wins in a row last year

earner in women's sport underlined when she completed the Slam in Paris last June, the third woman to do so.

The bonus is not being withdrawn from the two candidates currently in the reckoning – Chris Lloyd and the solemn Mats Wilander winners in the Australian championships in December.

Chris and Mats will be paid the bonus if they haul in the next three legs of the Slam this year – France, Wimbledon and the US Open.

Martina's Slam in 1984 undoubtedly meant that the insurance premium paid against a repeat must have risen substantially. Tennis chiefs reckon now it is more sensible to direct that cash to

the lower reaches of the game, especially to countries where tennis is developing slowly.

Wimbledon has already established its stand on developing world tennis by giving £100 000 to the federation. The other Grand Slam championships are expected to follow suit.

Withdrawing that massive bonus removes one area of criticism from Tennis where the rich were becoming richer day by day and players down the ladder were struggling to keep going.

Wimbledon has hoisted its prize money at the top this year with £130 000 for the men's champion and £117 000 going to the women's winner. But first round losers will take £1 750 and £1 350 respectively with Wimbledon maintaining that players beaten on the opening days need paying properly to cover their stay in London.

But where will the big money go this year? Can Chris Lloyd push to the Slam at the age of 30? Is Martina Navratilova likely to remain almost unbeatable? Or will the lissome Czech Hana Mandlikova steal a march on both of them?

Martina lost just twice last year – once to the headbanded Miss Mandlikova and then a semi-final defeat to the 6ft 1½ in Czech Helena Sukova. 20 which wrecked her chance of a seventh successive major title in the Australian championships.

In between Martina piled up 74 wins in a row and did not lose at all to her one-time arch rival Chris Lloyd. But Chris has beaten her this year. So has Hana.

Martina's targets might look altogether sharper now that she has had her eyes tested and been advised to wear glasses. In terms of preparation and experience, no one can outgun Chris.

But if Hana can harness her talent and temperament, she could yet ruin the prospects of the two women ranked above her. They will not be in the same field until the French championships – and what happens there could help to shape

the rest of the year.

Last year Hana was stronger in the first six months, reaching the last four in Paris and Wimbledon, but faded. I was tired mentally, tired because I had never experienced in my life playing so consistently through a whole half of a year, she says.

A clear break from the circuit helped Hana. She had not had a proper rest in 12 years. But she took herself away to train and to ski in Europe.

Her footwork has always been impressive. So has her stroke play. But her concentration has often looked brittle on the big occasion.



Hana Mandlikova wants to be the No. 1 while Martina and Chris are still playing

She has won only two big championships, the French and the Australian, and four years have gone by without her adding to that tally.

Yet with Martina in opposition, Hana never lacks motivation. I like to play against her. I take her on like anybody else, she says. I know what to do to give her a difficult time.

Hana is 23, an age when many players had more than made their mark. She should be the future No. 1 but wants to achieve that while Martina and Chris are still playing.

I should be the next, she says. Martina's going to play another five years for sure, so I hope I will take her.

East Bengal beat Mohun Bagan 1-0 (1st half extra time) in the final at Bangalore

Jamshed the winner, takes 'em all

By R. Arvindam



JOINT winners twice and runners-up last year, East Bengal made it an outright triumph in the Federation Cup Football 1985 with a solitary extra-time goal victory over Mohun Bagan

So with all the anxious moments

they gave to their supporters and specially to their coach Pradeep Kumar Banerjee, East Bengal have emerged as the champion club of India and will be off to Colombo in August to play in the South Asian Club Cup Championship

For coach 'P.K.', it was a double celebration for he has been appointed chief coach by the All India Football Federation with full

powers to select the national team without interference.

On the eve of the final, the executive committee of the AIFF had discussed a report by the coach and manager of the India team for the Pre-World Cup matches

They had pointed out that India's dismal showing was due to lack of finishing and basic skill and lack of cohesion in the team. Well, all that was evident in this Federation Cup with very few matches providing good and thrilling soccer

The East Bengal-Mohun Bagan final was expected to be a blood-and-thunder affair, but neither of the teams went about their task in a positive and aggressive way as one had hoped for, with the result that the crowd of nearly 45000 saw only patches of excellent soccer

Most of it came from East Bengal, specially in the extra-time when they got the lone goal. And it was a snap shot by Jamshed Nassiri which crashed into the net catching the Bagan defence and goalkeeper Jagdish Ghosh - he had replaced the injured Pratap Ghosh - hopelessly unaware. So Nassiri, almost a 'zero' throughout the tournament, turned out to be East Bengal's hero with that goal

East Bengal failed to produce that sharpness in their attack one saw in the second half of the first leg semi-final against Punjab State Electricity Board.

In fact it had disappeared in the second leg which saw the glamour team from Calcutta fielding the highest paid stars on the Indian soccer scene crashing to a 0-1 defeat.

An angry P.K. Banerjee put down that defeat to the players tendency to relax between spells of good soccer and blamed goalkeeper Bhaskar Ganguly's showmanship as well.

In the final, in spite of their star striker Debasish Roy being well marked, they created quite a few openings but they were all lost on the anvil of poor finishing.

Biswajeet Bhattacharya missed two excellent opportunities. First



Balai Mukherjee, captain of East Bengal joyfully holds aloft the huge Federation Cup.

he sent in a rather weak shot which Jagdish Ghosh dived to his left and deflected and then wasted a sitter

Balai Mukharjee sweeping down the right flank floated one into the box beautifully forcing goalkeeper Ghosh to come yards out. He did so to punch the ball away but was sprawled over in the process and Biswajeet with a wide open goal in front, shot over.

Defenders on both the sides did a magnificent job. Bagan's Subrata Bhattacharjee was outstanding with his fine clearances with good support coming from Satyajit Ghosh. In the East Bengal Ranks Manoranjan Bhattacharya was the pick with Tarun Dey following him closely.

These two had Bagan's strikers Choudhury and Babu Mani bottled up. Babu however missed a great scoring chance to get the equaliser when he should have banged home Samar Bhattacharjee's cross but

was too hasty and sent in a wayward shot.

Mani also came up with several mis passes in extra time thus inuffing some good openings. East Bengal seem to have lost confidence in the highly paid Krishanu Dey and he was brought in only during extra time.

Medio Sudip Chatterjee did not function as efficiently for the winners as he did in previous matches and Bikash Panji seemed to be undecided whether to help the frontliners or be more useful helping the defence.

Bagan did not use their wingers well at all probably because they found them wanting. Bidesh Bose was too slow and one wonders why Sishir Ghosh was not tried at all. Medio Prasanta Banerjee was of colour and Bagan always relying heavily on him seemed lost without his help. Majid tried to take over but he was well policed.

Thus ended a tournament in which unfancied teams gave better displays than the three Calcutta outfits with Central Excise, Cochin putting up a magnificent display along with Salgaocar and PSEB.

In fact had a little luck run their way Salgaocar and PSEB could well have played the final.

The inter club transfer has hit the Calcutta teams hard and though East Bengal managed to get the best, it was at the expense of team work. It will take some time for the champions to strike a powerful combination.

One wonders why this tournament does not get due importance from the AIFF. I would suggest a change in dates as well. This tournament must be played before the transfers take place. Only then one could hope for the best from any club.



Memorable to remember... The captain of the winning team Balai plants a kiss on the cheek of the hero of the tournament who gave with the Cup



Bagan custodian Pratap Ghosh is carried by his team-mate Krishanu Dey after Ghosh injured his shoulder while trying to save a penalty-shot by Salgaocar's Lawrence Gomes. Bagan won 5-4.



Jamshed loses out to Subrata Bhattacharjee in a heading duel in the final



Charanjit Singh of P.S.E.B. evades East Bengal's Jamshed Nassiri very adroitly. East Bengal won 2-0.



Mohun Bagan's Babu Mani goes down on one knee to shoot towards the Salgaocar goal, past defender Anthony Rebello. The teams drew goalless.

Pics: Santosh Ghosh

DHYAN CHAND

His hockey worked like a magic wand

By P.N. Sundaresan



K S Ranjitsinhji transformed cricket with his magic touch at the turn of the 20th century. About two decades later Dhyhan Chand, a se-

poy in the Indian Army, provided similar sophistication to hockey which was introduced in India by Englishmen.

If Neville Cardus had been writing on hockey and had witnessed Dhyhan Chand handle the stick, he would have been as excited as he was about Ranji.

He would probably have written: Hockey was English through and through when Dhyhan Chand came to it, an ethically sanctioned technique, open and palpable and honoured by long respectable use. But he turned approved science upside down and changed the geometry of forward play to an esoteric legerdemain.

Dhyhan Chand's technique attracted the British Army officers and they were so bewitched by it that whatever the standard of the game, a surprisingly large number of Britons would always turn out if the dark lissom Chand was playing.

Dhyhan Chand was hockey's magician. Before Dhyhan Chand came on the scene, the pattern of hockey consisted in long hard hits and chasing the ball. The accent was on speed and stamina and muscle power. Dhyhan Chand changed all that; his style consisted in quick, wristy first time passes, in which he developed the passing of the ball back and receiving it back during his run ahead as a fine art. In all that he did, he was extraordinarily quick and fast, though to the visual eye he appeared relaxed and unhurried. This was the assessment of M J Gopalan, one of India's finest half-backs and a contemporary of Dhyhan Chand.

Dhyhan Chand came from a poor family. He toiled hard and long to

shape and strengthen the game which had become a passion to him. He was extraordinarily gifted and it was fortunate that he chose the right medium to give expression to his genius.

Dhyhan Chand's introduction to hockey was casual or accidental, as recounted by him. In deference to the wishes of his father and according to family tradition, Dhyhan Chand did not go in for higher education but joined the First Brahmin Regiment in 1922.



We had a Subedar Major by the name of Bale Tewari, who was a keen hockey enthusiast and a very fine player. He took a fancy to me. My regiment was well-known in hockey circles and that was the only outdoor game to which the regiment devoted most of its sporting attention. Tewari initiated me into this game and gave me my first lessons. He was my guru. We had no fixed time to play hockey. We indulged in it at all hours of the day. From the very start, I took a keen in-



terest in the game. Tewari drummed home the lesson that hockey was a team game and one must pass the ball at the correct time. He also taught marksmanship at the goal, not so much with powerful hits as with placements and push strokes.

Dhyhan Chand was making his mark in Indian hockey. But his genius was first established abroad before it came to be known in this country. This was because of his visit to New Zealand in 1926 as a member of the Indian Army team in which his position as centre forward was by then taken for granted.

In all these early years, Dhyhan Chand's hockey was confined to army circles and he hit the bull's eye so to say when he turned up for United Provinces in the 1928 Inter Provincial tournament at Calcutta.

After a great match with Punjab, the *Statesman's* hockey critic wrote: The outstanding forward on the field was Dhyhan Chand, the UP centre-forward Dhyhan Chand, in addition to his brilliant stickwork, was the mainspring of his side's at-



12 years ago, the U.P. Council of Sports honoured Dhyhan Chand for his contribution to his state and India. Here he walks under an arch-way of sticks.

tack. He played his forward passes in an efficient manner that brought its own reward. The opposing centre-half Pinniger, was unable to check him though he was very efficient when tackling other attackers. A deft flick of the stick, and Dhyhan Chand had the ball past his opponent and passed it out to his inside-forward. Dhyhan Chand demonstrated as a centre-forward he had few equals. His dribbling was of the irresistible variety. He seemed able to pass opponent after opponent at will. U.P. became the first national champions. It is unnecessary to emphasise the crucial part that Dhyhan Chand played in

us dislocating the forward line. Dhyhan Chand ordered Roop Singh to stop this immediately, otherwise, he threatened he would order him out and play with ten men.

Gopalan added that Dhyhan Chand established positional play, based on first time, split-second passing. He possessed uncanny judgement and could plan and execute it in the same flash. He had such a clear, total vision of the field that he could set off a move the instant he trapped the ball. Dhyhan Chand was also a master of the bully then and gained an enormous advantage over his opponent by beating him to it.

as an inside-forward, wrote that Dhyhan Chand was the complete hockey player. "I give him pride of place in the hockey world, for I consider him the complete player. There have been players with cleverer stickwork, others with better speed, and so on, but none had all the various arts and craft combined within one. Dhyhan Chand had everything in full measure. His elusive bodyswerve, good stickwork, copy-book distribution of passes to either side, understanding with his team-mates, good anticipation, a good finish and above all, perfect ball control were all assets that dovetailed into making him a com-

He toiled hard and long to shape and strengthen the game, which had become a passion to him

the triumph

The year leading up to the Berlin Olympics in 1938 were the golden age of Indian hockey, as it unfolded a new, bewitching pattern of play. Dhyhan Chand was the inspiration, the spearhead of the movement. He was the one who magnetically drew the ball to him, or charmed it into that circle of magic flashing or rotating round his supple wrists.

Dhyhan Chand was a superb dribbler of the ball and could, if he had wanted, score at will. I have known Dhyhan Chand since 1924 and was present at the match in which he earned the name of wizard, wrote Maj-Gen A.A. Rudra, one of his officers. It was the final of the Punjab Indian Infantry tournament at Jhelum. His side was losing the match with two goals down and four minutes to go when his commanding officer called out to him, 'Come on, Dhyhan! We are two goals down, do something about it!' Dhyhan Chand then proceeded to do something about it and scored three goals in four minutes and thus led his side to victory!

'If I want I can go up to the goal and come back by myself, without allowing anyone to tackle or touch me but I would not do it. This is a game whose strength lay in teamwork,' the wizard once told Gopalan, who also recalled an incident to show Dhyhan Chand's approach to the game.

In a match against New Zealand at Christchurch during India's 1936 tour - Gopalan was a member of the team - Roop Singh, his brilliant brother and inside-left, was hanging on to the ball too much, and was th-

A solidier whether in the Army or off it, Dhyhan Chand never tolerated slackness in the field. He would score a goal, collect the ball and run all the way back to the centre so that no moment would be wasted and there would be more time for more goals. He was such a sincere dedicated man that his say in the field, whether he was captain or not, was final. Nobody could, or dare go against him.

When the captaincy of the Indian team was finally given to him, he had little or no problem in wearing the mantle. In fact his humility, which ran like a golden thread through his career, became more evident as the captain of his team.

Eric Blankley, who enriched Madras hockey with his brilliant deeds,

plete hockey player.

Dhyhan Chand was a perfect gentleman. "His success and brilliance on the field of play have never affected his quiet and friendly demeanour off it. He has been a great player and a captain and a great ambassador of this country," was the tribute that G.C. Fletcher, President of the Bengal Hockey Association, paid to Dhyhan Chand towards the fag end of his career, while making a presentation.

Dhyhan Chand touched the game of hockey with the magic wand of a stick and provided sophistication to what appeared to be a highly lethal game. He gave a new conception to hockey so much so that it has been the ambition of every Indian hockey player to be another Dhyhan Chand.



Dhyhan Chand (standing sixth from left) in a 'Memories Match' with most of his colleagues who donned the India blazers.

Indian stars suspended

By Patrick Rowley



HALF the Indian hockey team have been suspended by the I H F (FIH) following the assault on a Japanese umpire during the 2nd Asia Cup final at Dhaka in January.

Five players, Mervin Fernandes, Hardeep Singh, Romeo James, Rajender Singh and Louremban Tiken, have been banned from international hockey indefinitely; while the manager (Dr. K.S. Bedi), coaches (Hardayal Singh and Ashok Kumar) and captain (Moneypanda Somaiya) are suspended for one year.

The decisions were taken by the FIH Council at their meetings in Brussels at the end of April.

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The Council heard a report from Muneyoshi Ueda of Japan, the Asia Cup technical delegate, in which he said that the umpire, Yashimo Yubuta, had to be carried off on a stretcher after being attacked by Indian players. The incident occurred three minutes from the end of extra time in the final after Yubuta had awarded a goal to Pakistan. The goal scored by Kaleemullah, gave Pakistan a 3-2 lead.

The exact circumstances could not be ascertained because of a si-

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FEDERATION MEETING

Brussels - Main Decisions

1. To introduce a mandatory (experimental) change in the penalty corner rule.
2. To suspend five Indian players indefinitely.
3. Establish qualifying procedure for World Champions.
4. "Top six" chosen for Champions Trophy at Perth.
5. Agreement for a World Indoor Cup in 1985.
6. To pursue the launching of a World Junior Cup for girls.
7. Selections of World Junior Cup (Vancouver) goals.

multaneous crowd invasion of the pitch by spectators but the FIH were able to study photographs which revealed the shirt numbers of the players involved and showed Indian players with sticks raised against the umpire.

Apparently the Indian players and officials have not learnt that the umpire's decision is final!!!

The technical delegate reported that it took over half an hour to persuade the Indians to resume the game which was completed with a reserve umpire.

He also reported that the other umpire involved in the final was chased down a hotel corridor several hours after the match by Indian players.

The FIH were disappointed not to have received any news of action taken by the Indian Hockey Federa-

tion despite the span of time since the incident. A cable was sent to the Indian HF asking if they had taken action against the five players. The cable was received only after the FIH meetings.

The international federation, in announcing sanctions against the five players involved in the assault of Yubuta for an unlimited period, said the exact length of their suspensions will be decided at the next FIH meetings, in Barcelona in October, when further information should be in their hands.

The Indians have since reported that action against two players, Fernandes and James, has already been initiated and that it will be taken against the other three players at the next Indian HF council meeting. What action has already been initiated is not stipulated nor if it has been carried out.

Too much hockey for top nations

INDIA have also been selected for the 6th Champions Trophy at Perth, Australia, (November 16th - 24th) despite the fact that they have twice withdrawn from previous Champions events in the recent past.

The FIH accepted that, for the Champions to be meaningful, it must be contested by the world's top six nations and accordingly the first six at the last major event, the Los Angeles Olympics were named. Those six are Pakistan, Germany (who also missed the Vth Champions), Great Britain, Australia, India and the Netherlands.

It was also decided that the first reserve would be either New Zealand or Spain who finished 7th and 8th at the Olympics and who both came in as reserves for the Champions at Karachi in December. Which of the two would be first reserve would depend on which finished higher in the Intercontinental Cup at Barcelona in October.

That seems a bit hard on the other countries competing in the Intercontinental who might finish above both and, of course, the USSR, Europe's No. 2, who boycotted the Los Angeles Olympics, are still left out in the cold.

The FIH heard that the nations competing in the Champions wished the event to be held in future at least three months before, rather than after, major events. The 8th Champions in Pakistan in 1986 may be put back from April to June so that it does not come too soon after the 7th version.

The Pakistanis apparently want the event in June 1986 when it would have to be held in the evening because of the intense heat in the day. It could, therefore, be the first major international event held almost entirely under floodlights. The Pakistanis also seem to be opting for the event to be held at Karachi.

If the tournament is held in June

it will, create a major problem for Britain who are likely to have 'stood down' at the time to allow England to prepare for the 1986 World Cup in October.

The officials for the 7th Champions at Perth will be: Technical Delegate: Vijayanathan (Malaysia), Umpire's Manager: Gordon Gétley.

The subject of the 9th Champions Trophy, in 1987, was also raised since there are now two candidates to stage this event, the Netherlands and Germany.

The Netherlands are keen to hold the event, they say, because 1987 is the 75th anniversary of their Olympic committee and they are offering to put on a women's event for the world's top six nations, too.

There is too much hockey for the top nations. The Champions event is not in the best interests of all the FIH's member countries since it encourages elitism.

Selection policy for Seoul Olympics

THE FIH appear to have agreed on the selection policy for the 24th Olympic Games at Seoul. Certain tournaments will be nominated as Olympic qualifying events but the actual selection will still be at the discretion of the FIH.

The events that will act as qualifiers for the men's teams are the World Cup 1986, Champions Trophy 1985, 1986 and 1987, Intercontinental Cup 1985, Asian Games 1986, European Cup 1987, Pan American Games 1987 and Africa Cup 1987.

The conditions for qualifying for the Olympic women's tournament are similar. The 12 ranked teams will be those qualifying for the 1986 Womens World Cup plus

S Korea, Japan, India, Wales and Zimbabwe from the recent Intercontinental Cup & Britain – a total of 18.

The only teams automatically qualified for the 1988 Olympics are the holders and hosts. On the men's side, it is stipulated that every continent be represented but that is not the case for the women who are allowed only eight entries.

In order to notify countries earlier of their selection for the Olympics and to allow time for play-offs, if necessary, entries for the Seoul Olympics (September 18th – October 1st) will have to be submitted six months earlier than usual (i.e. by June 30th 1987).

World Indoor hockey Cup

THE tremendous growth of important events organised by the FIH continues. It has been agreed to stage a World Indoor Hockey Cup in 1988 while a World Junior Cup for girls does not seem far away.

The first World Indoor Cup will be held in Canberra, Australia, in 1988 and will be part of the bi-centennial celebrations of Australia.

The proposed dates were the first or second week of March 1988 but, because teams will be preparing for the Champions Trophy (May) and Olympic Games (September), it may be held earlier in the year.

Ten teams will take part, divided into two pools of five.

Mandatory and experimental rules

AN IMMEDIATE alteration to the Penalty Corner rule and the creation of a no offside area between the 25 yards lines were the main outcome of the annual meeting of the Hockey Rules Board held in London on April 20th this year.

Other trials will involve the free hit and putting the ball into play under Rule 17. All are designed to improve the flow of the game and make it more easily understood by the growing number of non-hockey playing spectators.

Mandatory Experiment

Prevented by its constitution from altering rules immediately, the Board has introduced, from 1st July 1985, a mandatory experiment in Rule 15 Penalty Corner under which the number of defenders permitted behind the goal-line will be reduced from six to five.

In addition, scoop and flick shots will be permitted at any time during the penalty corner provided the ball be stopped and subject to the rules governing dangerous play.

It is hoped that these moves will result in goal-keeper's remaining on their feet and no longer using their bodies to stop the ball.

Non-Mandatory Experiments

A radical change to the existing penalty corner approach is included in a number of non-mandatory experimental rules, effective from 1st September. The decision to use any of these will rest with individual national associations. They will not be permitted in FIH approved tournaments, at any level.

The Rules affected are,

Rule 15 – Penalty Corner

After the award of a penalty corner, the existing arrangements are withdrawn and the following procedure is to be followed:

1 A free hit to be taken from a spot 14 yards in front of the centre of the goal by a player of the attacking team and defended by the goal-keeper of the opposing team who was on the field at the time the breach occurred.

2 Any stroke may be used and the ball raised to any height.

3 The goal-keeper shall stand on the goal-line.

4 All other players of both teams shall remain beyond the nearer 25 yard line until the stroke has been taken.

5 If, as a result of the stroke:

- a) the whole ball pass completely over the goal-line, between the goal-posts and under the cross-bar – a goal is scored.
- b) for a breach of any rule by the goal-keeper which prevents a goal from being scored – a goal shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- c) the ball misses the goal – the game is re-started with a 16-yard hit.
- d) the ball is saved and remains in the field of play – it may be played by any player of either team.
- e) the ball is saved, passes completely over the goal-line but outside the goal posts – the game is re-started with a corner

Rule 13 – Off-side

There be no off-side within an area bounded by the 25 yards lines.

Rule 17 – Ball Outside Field of Play

For any push or hit under this rule – only players of the opposing team are required to be five yards from the ball, when the stroke is taken.

Rule 14 – Free Hit

Two experiments are suggested:

- a) For any Free Hit, (including those to the attacking team within 5 yards of the circle – all players of the opposing team to be 5 yards away from the ball.
- b) As above, but for Free Hits to the attacking team within 5 yards of the circle – players of BOTH teams to be 5 yards from the ball.

The mandatory experimental rule will apply from 1st July for all hockey played throughout the world including all FIH international tournaments. In the Southern Hemisphere only, countries can apply the experiment in their own national/domestic competitions from any suitable date but, in any case, by 1st July.

Rule interpretation

For some years, it has been the practice in International Tournaments to require the first hit at goal at the Penalty Corner to be of a height lower than the top of the backboard, unless it has been touched by a defender. This will continue. It is requested that national associations adopt the same criteria in their domestic competitions.

A nightmare in the ring come true

By Frank Wright

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON, sleek Black Prince of boxing, gazed down in horror at the bruised, listless body on the canvas.

He had finished the world title fight with a short jab to the jaw. But his opponent still made no movement after the count of ten; the fighter had dropped dead at the champion's feet. Now they were carrying him away on a stretcher.

At that point, Sugar Ray sat up with a start. He was in darkness. Instead of the roar of the crowd, he could hear only his own heavy breathing.

He switched on the lights in his Cleveland, Ohio, hotel room, overlooking the moonlit waters of Lake Erie.

No one had been killed. It was just a ghastly nightmare. But the perspiration which soaked Sugar Ray's pillow, face and raven hair was real enough. And for once there was fear in the champion's eyes.

Sugar Ray did not remember his opponent's face, yet somehow he felt certain his imagined victim was Jimmy Doyle, the Los Angeles welterweight, whom he was due to meet in the Cleveland Arena.

The thought kept him awake for the rest of their night. Next morning he described the nightmare to his manager and helpers.

"Big-fight nerves," said manager George Gainford. "You've been worrying too much about the fight."

Others offered different interpretations. Some said it was an omen and meant that Sugar Ray might get a bad decision, some, that it was a good sign because dreams never turn out the same way in real life.

No one took the nightmare seriously—except Sugar Ray. He was reluctant to go ahead with the fight, recalling that this same Doyle had been taken to hospital with concussion after being knocked out by Artie Levine.

"Why am I fighting this guy anyway?" asked Robinson. It was to be his first defence of the world welterweight championship which he had won six months earlier by defeating Tommy Bell.



But 22-year-old Jimmy Doyle was only the seventh-ranked welterweight.

In reply to his question, Sugar Ray was told "For 25,000 dollars." It was also explained that Doyle had beaten a batch of prominent fighters including Lew Jenkins, former world lightweight champion.

It was just the rest Robinson needed before facing top challengers.

Against Artie Levine, Doyle had been well ahead on points until the ninth round when a wild, desperate blow had caught him flush on the chin.

Twice, he rose from the canvas, only to be felled again before the referee stopped the slaughter. He collapsed in his corner and hospital examination revealed a fractured skull.

But that was more than a year ago. Sugar Ray was assured that Doyle was now a fit opponent. He had won six bouts in the past six months; he had passed an official examination by doctors of the New York Boxing Commission and by a brain specialist.

Admittedly, a medical expert of the Cleveland Commission—Dr.



Doyle was in no condition to fight another round



By Ken Rosewall

Women rule OK

SADLY, I have to admit that the career professionals of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) are putting to shame the behaviour of their leaders at the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP). I cannot believe that it is totally due to the massive money prizes that are up for grabs most of the year round.

This came into mind after reading what Virginia Wade had to say, at a special lunch put on at the Queens Club, London, during the series of International Satellite tournaments which concluded last week England.

Following some criticism of John McEnroe, which sounded more sorrowful than angry she said "Tennis is a fantastic game, and I want to be proud of it, but some of the players do not have enough respect for anybody, other players, their appearance or their responsibility to the public."

In naming Bjorn Borg as an ideal player and superb representative of men's tennis, she continued. "He was a real hero. He was the number one player in the world, and you were proud to have him leading your game."

She moved very close to one of the major reasons, it seems, why umpires do not take stronger action by saying: "If someone chucks a player off the court, the umpire concerned will probably never be invited back again."

This related to the situation in the USA where players' managers are sometimes circuit directors and part of their responsibility is to recruit umpires. It is now fairly commonplace to engage a group to umpire at several tournaments in succession. Transport, accommodation and fees are given liberally.

It is widely believed that one or two who have started to turn the

screw on the behaviour of one or two top crowd-pullers have suddenly found themselves on the train back home.

The circuits concerned have been pleasant and enticing, so it is only natural to ensure that tough decisions on players who pull in large crowds—and masses of money—tend to disappear.

Who is going to endanger three or four weeks at beautiful places, by eliminating the stars who please the sponsors and fill the seats at the stadium?

All this compares alarmingly with the behaviour and dedication of the top women stars.

Of course they have long been shown the way to compete without becoming monsters by the impeccable behaviour—on and off the court—by Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd and, before them, Evonne Goolagong and Margaret Court.

SENSATIONS OF SPORT...

Arthur Hagedorn—had reported that in his opinion Doyle was sluggish since his beating by Levine.

Several sports writers had also written that Doyle should now retire. But such opinions are often voiced in the boxing world. The fight was a natural and it brought over 11,270 fans to Cleveland Arena, that June day in 1947.

Dark-haired Doyle, who had once been coached by the legendary Jack Johnson, was eager, ambitious and full of self-confidence. He was sure he could win the world title, and he started as though he aimed to achieve it in the first round.

He launched a furious, first-round attack, only to run into a steady stream of left jabs and hooks. But close range Doyle was more dangerous. The bout soon developed into a fierce, close contest as in Sugar Ray's dream.

Robinson learned to treat his opponent with cautious respect, and after a few rounds there were many who rated Doyle ahead on points. The crowd was screaming encouragement to him.

Doyle came out for the eighth round looking much the fitter man. He bounded from his chair, carrying the fight to the champion all the

way. Still the boxing brain of Robinson remained ice-cool and although he threw far fewer punches he picked and timed them well.

Halfway through the eighth Sugar Ray's big chance came. For a fraction of second Doyle dropped his right hand. The champion flashed home with a short bullet-like left hook.

It rocked Doyle back on his heels and he fell like a sliced-down tree to the canvas. He was unconscious before his head thudded hard against the floor.

When referee Jackie Davis reached the count of six Doyle had raised himself up on his elbows. Then he slumped backwards only to be saved by the bell at the count of nine. His seconds ran out to prepare him for the next round.

But Doyle was in no condition to fight another round. His manager signalled that he was finished and the referee raised the champion's arm. And all the time, Sugar Ray looked anxiously at his opponent's corner.

Doyle seemed in a state of semi-consciousness and into the ring rushed Dr Hagedorn, who had attended the boxer in much the same condition over a year before.

He ordered Doyle to be taken to hospital as quickly as possible.

At St Vincent's Charity Hospital brain specialist Dr Spencer Braden operated but in vain. Jimmy Doyle died next afternoon from a cerebral haemorrhage.

It was only the second time that a boxer had died from injuries in a world title bout. The last had been in London, in 1897, when Walter Croft died of a brain injury after his bantamweight bout with Jimmy Barry.

So Robinson's nightmare had come true. And it went further. He was indicted on a technical charge of manslaughter, there were malicious suggestions that he had known Doyle to be medically unfit to fight.

Though he was acquitted Sugar Ray felt like never fighting again. But his friends argued that he was not to blame and that he could do more for Doyle by fighting on than by quitting.

Robinson won his next two fights with first round knock outs and earned thousands of dollars for Jimmy Doyle's mother. After his third fight, in which he knocked out Jackie Wilson in the seventh round, he gave her the entire 65,000-dollar purse.

We're all proud of you

THE game of chess in India is poised to take a great leap. With our maestro Pravin Thipsay about to become first over grandmaster from the country, a new era in the game commences.

My mind goes down the memory lane to the events when I was privileged to watch this star player, along with some of the best young talents of the country at Inter-University chess tournaments.

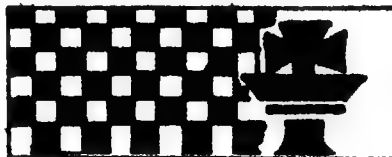
I was privileged to participate in these events for three consecutive years 1975, 1976 & 1977. The venue for the events were Madras, Ahmedabad and Nagpur, respectively. The standard of the participants ranged from mediocre to excellent; some of the best players of the country were amongst them and it was indeed an experience to watch stalwarts like Pravin Thipsay, Avinash Awate, T. Parmeswaran, Neelkanthan and Ravi Hegde in action.

But then let us begin at the begin-

ing

The first of these tournaments was held at IIT, Madras. Manual Aaron, the then national champion, inaugurated the tournament.

Stalwarts of this tournament were Avinash Awate, Rajesh Bahadur and Vivek Sthalekar. Awate became the centre of attraction.



Here was a player of superlative talent. He was already a national level player.

I distinctly remember a major upset by Shiv Shanker Dave, captain of Jodhpur University, when he defeated the redoubtable Awate.

Another interesting game occurred between Rajesh Bahadur and Vivek Sthalekar. Rajesh playing

white had three pawns against a rook in the end game. This gave rise to a lot of discussion and speculation about the likely result of the game. In the end, Rajesh Bahadur emerged winner. In the post-mortem later, it was revealed that Sthalekar missed a line leading to perpetual checks.

As already stated earlier, one witnessed a range of players from mediocre to excellent. It was indeed a treat to mingle with players from all corners of the country, to watch the way they played.

Many of the players from those days have gone on to scale the greater heights. Most notable amongst them is of course Pravin Thipsay. The other names we keep hearing are S. Joshi, Parmeswaran, Ravi Hegde.

So buck up, Pravin! Achieve that norm of grandmaster. We are all proud of you!

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FOOTBALL

Facilities should be top-class

By Surajit Sengupta



IN MANY COUNTRIES where football is a major passion, people do not associate India with other football playing countries anymore, what after the dismal performance in the home matches in the qualifying rounds of pre-world Cup. Many an ardent football lover of the country are also aghast at what has happened or has been happening to Indian football. They are more stupefied due to the lack of reasonable Albi for the recent catastrophes in international football.

We Indians are exuberant in victory and too scornful when we lose, but to my mind there is no excuse for such lacklustre performance year after year. It is high time that the authorities take drastic steps and give a herculean boost to the cause of football. No amount of Nehru Cups and Sanjay Cups and

Indira Cups are going to help raise our standards. Remedies can only be discussed upon when we know the cause. For several years now, I have been after AIFF who have been trying all sorts of permutations and combinations without any reasons. I am surprised they don't learn from their own follies. If a big club in the country has a budget of Rs 50,000 per year for football, why can't the country have the same budget for 24 u-16 boys for training and other facilities till they attain the age of 21?

I think our cricketers have proved that a permanent national coach is the need of the hour. If need be, the country can buy a player at a premium from the clubs they have signed for and lend him back if the schedule permits and that should be made a law.

Nourishing a junior national side has become an absolute necessity.

Attaching too much importance to any state must be curbed.

The selection of the team must be done in a clean and good spirit,

without any bias or objections.

Facilities must be absolutely first class along with adequate remunerations to attract the cream of talent. I don't believe in attaching extraordinary importance to foreign coaches. There is no point decrying the lack of team work in present-day football. The accent is on individual quality, skill, speed, and stamina in world football now. So why can't we apply ourselves accordingly and try to get some positive results?

I don't think any footballer can leave his mark in the game today except by being 100 per cent fit or is a superb.

We should not expect a windfall of wins in international matches immediately.



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Uday Easwaran, the winner in his victorious four-wheeler. He won the event in the popular Coffee 500 rally, organised by the Motor Sports Club of Chickmagalur, Bangalore, last week



St Peter's Youth Social Service, Bombay had conducted, as in the past, a Summer Holiday Camp, where different indoor and outdoor sports are organised for budding youngsters. Here the boys are seen learning the basics of soccer



Mohan Meakins XI, the winners of the Hakim Ajmal Khan Memorial Cricket Tournament at Delhi recently. In the finals, they beat State Bank of India narrowly by six runs

ARE the subsidies offered to owners and trainers generous to the point where it is a disincentive to race animals in order to win stake money?

That is not an idle thought, it is a realistic appraisal of the state of affairs during the first four days of the Bangalore Summer Meeting which is now in progress.

The number of entries has been well below what one has to come to expect of this meeting and, in consequence, there have been fewer races per day and a lesser number of runners in these events.

One obvious reason is that because of an absence of rain, the shortage of water and electric power and the unusual heat there is a reluctance to race animals. Another is that some of the top trainers, those with the larger strings, have been out of station. Yet, neither reason is fully acceptable.

Indian-breeds are notoriously brittle and the risk of horses injuring their extremities by being jarred on the firm track are real. However, as the authorities have wisely decided not to trim the grass, there is some sort of protective cushion.

Again, it is unreasonable to be overprotective to horses of the lower classes and those youngsters whose bloodlines do not hold out much promise of a bright future.

Thus, there is not one sufficiently good reason why the races for lower class animals and some for the new crop have received such poor patronage.

It is not that stake money has gone abegging. It should be clear to all that at least two of the races which have been run so far were not declared void because a particular trainer left in a sufficiency of runners to prevent that happening.

The inescapable conclusion is that, although the competition at this stage of the meeting is less severe than it will be as the season advances and although the chances of winning stake money is greater because of the smaller fields, owners and trainers are not particularly keen to cash in on the situation.

To carry the argument a logical step further they are content with what they collect by way of subsidies. To the keen racegoer there is the consolation of knowing that the fields are certain to be more fully representative of all-India racing in the immediate future and that they will continue to be so.

Of course, there is a school of thought which maintains that sub-



RACING

By Railbird

Are subsidy offers generous?

subsidies should be abolished in their entirety and the money so saved should be added to the stakes offered per race.

The line of thought is that by offering subsidies which, in some cases, enable the owner to maintain and race his horse free, the turf clubs are attracting the wrong type of owner because, it is argued, that if an owner lacks the resources to maintain and race his horse without financial assistance from the club, he should not race at all.

That way of thinking is retrograde. Certainly, with the breeding industry having grown tremendously, there is a need to attract more owners into racing and if the race clubs lighten the financial burden of maintaining and racing animals, the need for the owner to rely on gambling proceeds to maintain his string is reduced.

As the less emphasis there is on gambling the better is the health of the sport, it is imperative that the race clubs spread their funds over as many owners as is possible which will not be the case if the money, which is now disbursed as subsidies is withdrawn and canalised into stakes. Obviously, there are more runners per race than stake winners per event.



THE best youngster seen over the week-end was Predominance, a colt by Subject to Raise out of Rose of Tudor. He was an impressive winner in his only outing in the winter and he provided an encore in the Class IV 1,400 metres Rajah S.R. Range Row Memorial

Cup when he triumphed by three parts of a length over Madame Bovary in the smart time of one minute, 29 seconds with false rails up.

This was a good showing, but it was far from brilliant, and this column will be surprised if he makes a showing in the classics. In fact the runner-up, a filly by Knight of Medina-Madame Alasio showed promise. She was giving Predominance 1.5 kilos which means that if they clash in a classic she will meet him on three kilos better terms as she will claim a sex allowance of 1.5 kilos. Certainly, he was not three kilos superior to her on this day.

When Namak Halaal won on the opening day he raised hopes of a repeat performance. He failed badly in that quest in the 1,400 metres Dharmaprakash to L.S.

Venkaji Rao Memorial Cup. Stable companion Silhouette, who was taking on top class opposition for the first time and who was in receipt of 14 kilos from Namak Halaal, made her own pace and won very well while Namak Halaal was last of four runners.

Unlike Namak Halaal, Far 'N' Vast is in line for a second consecutive victory. The Hardinvast-Farzina gelding emerged from the maiden ranks with a most impressive victory in the 1,400 metres Paddock Plate.

Antia had him so badly placed that he gave the impression of being disinterested. However, once Far 'N' Vast got his head, he just went away to score decisively. He won't set the ganga on fire but he will make a mark.

To those who believe, and their number is legion, that an injustice was done to Certain Smile, who was deprived of a race in the winter on the strength of the chairman's casting vote in the stewards room after she had scored over Goverdhan, her victory in the 1,400 metres Gersoppa Plate was cheering.

The filly, who normally runs in front, was this time kept behind favourite Harlequin till midway in the straight at which stage she shot clear for a telling two-and-a-half lengths win.

Certain Smile is another who can be placed to win again. She, Sea Dart, the Excellent Timer and Rock Hard need to be watched. Afflatus should make amends next time out as he lost because Robin Corner, who rode winner Adhesion, out-generalised Vasant Shinde at the top of the straight from where he took a commanding lead which Shinde was unable to make up.

Mixed fortunes for India

PAKISTAN had India by the scruff and shook then enough to win the Third Asian and Middle East Bridge zonal championship, at Hotel Taj Mahal, Karachi last fortnight India lost 193 to Pakistan's 301 match points in the final

But if the men were pretty dejected, the Indian women were crowing happily at having qualified to represent zone four for the World Bridge Championship and it is creditable to note that this is the first time in bridge history that a ladies team from this zone will be participating, and that honour, veritably went to India

India sneaked onto the victory table with a fantastic 120 match point victory over Egypt, who lost narrowly with a difference of only 17 points

The Indian pairs of Nina Banerjee-Rita Choksi and Lina Mayadas-

Saria Thadani played superbly in three sessions and collected 102 VP, including 2 carry-over VP, as against 62 of Egypt



By Jimmu Mehta

A last minute effort was made by the Egyptian pairs of Margaret Homsey-Sophia Sarwat and Lily Khalil -Mowad Khury, when they reduced the 40 IMP lead to 17

The two-day men's final saw fluctuating fortunes for the two contesting countries Pakistan lost the advantage of a substantial carry-over from the qualifying rounds but soon regained it, surging into a lead which they led through the last half of the match

The final ended controversially as it was evident that the hands being played included a far above average proportions of long suits and voids.

Hands for big tournaments are often dealt by computer but hands for this event here were dealt by a small number of high-ranking officials

Suggestions by Indian players that the hands be redealt were contemptuously brushed aside

Winners for Pakistan were Zia Mhamood, Masood Salem, Jan-Ealam Fazli, Nishat Abedi and Munir Ataullah

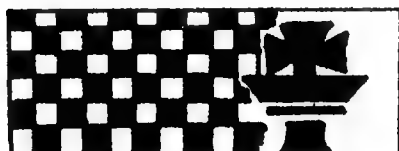
The Indian team comprised Sudhir Kumar Ganguly, Santanu Ghose, Kamla Krishna Mukherjee and Kamal Kumar Roy, all from Calcutta

In the semi-finals, Pakistan beat Sri Lanka 227-88 and India, though closely pressed by Mauritius, came through safely 114-79

SW Correspondent

CHESS

THE SOVIET Grand Master Vladimir Tukmakov won the 10th International Open in Lugano sponsored by Banca del Gottardo, with 7 points in a 9-round Swiss of 168 players including 23 GMs, 18 IMs



By R.B. Sapre

and 2 Women GMs

Headed by the young British GM Nigel Short, 12 other GMs and one IM were knotted in a tie with 6½ for 2nd to 15th places behind Tukmakov 74-year-old American GM Sammy Reshevsky was among them They were followed 14 players with 6 points

A secondary tournament of 180 participants was also won by the Soviet player Vladimir Pavlin with 7/9

TUKMAKOV - YAP (Phi)

1.d4, Nf6 2.Nf3, c5 3.d5, e6 4.c5, exd5 5.cxd5, d6 6.Nc3, g6 7.e4, Bg7 8.Be2, Bg4 9.OO, OO 10.Bg5, Bxf3 11.Bxf3, Nbd7 12.Be2, Re8 13.Qc2, a6 14.a4, Rc8 15.a5, h6 16.Bd2, c4 17.f3, g5? 18.Kh1, Nf8 19.Ra4, 20.Bxc4, Nd7 21.Ba2, Nf4 22.Qd1, Nc5 23.Ra3, Ncd3? 24.Bxd3, Nxd3 25.Bxg5, Nxb2 26.Bxd8, Nxd1 27.Nxd1, Rxd8

28.Ne3, Rc5 29.Nf5, Bf8 30.h4, Rd7 31.Rb1, Rdc7 32.Rab3, Rxa5 33.Rxb7, Rac5 34.Rxc7, Rxc7 35.Rb8, Ra7 36.Nxd6 a5 37.Nb5 Rd7 38.Ra8, f5 39.Nd4, fxe4 40.Ne6 exf3 41.Rxf8ch, Kh7 42.Rxf3 Rxd5 43.Rf7ch Kg8 44.Rg7ch Kh8 45.Ra7, 1-0

8 Bg4) Modern Benoni! This move is intended to secure control of e5 by exchanging the Knight

15 a5) The moves a4-a5 immobilising Black's a and b Pawns are part of White's usual strategy to arrest Black's Queen side expansion

16 Bd2!) 16 Bh4, g5 17 bg3, Nf8 followed by Ng6/ Qe7/ Nd7/ Nde5, or 16 Bf4, Qe7 facilitates Black's obtaining control occupation by a Knight of e5

17 g5?) The direct 17 nc5 seems more compatible with 16 c4 If then 17 bxc4, Ncxe4 The text creates manoeuvring space Black Knights, but it also clears f5 for a White Knight entry later

19 Ng6?) And now 19 Nfd7 would have avoided the immediate loss of the c-Pawn, for then 20 bxc4? would lose the exchange to 20 b5 21 axb6 ep, Nxb6 But the Pawn sacrifice has some merit and may be intentional

22 Qd1) 22 Bxf5?, gxf5 would give Black a strong grip on black squares, particularly e5

23 Ncd3?) This allows White to simplify the game into a winning

end game Black should get counter play with 23 Nxe2 24 Qxe2, f5

25 Nxb2) Black gets Pawn for Pawn, but the open b-file favours White

27 Nxd1) The Knight heads for f5

29 Bf8) The Black Bishop has to relinquish its aggressive post and undertake a poor defending duty

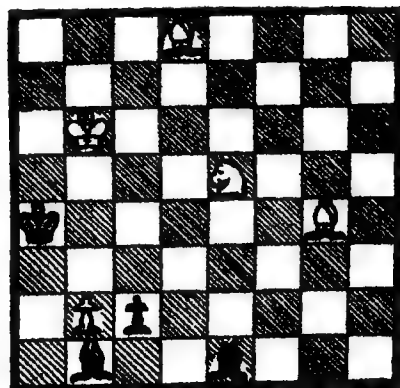
32 Rab3) Bringing about further simplification with greater activity for White Rooks

33 Rac5) If 33 Rc8 34 Rd7 wins the d-Pawn

36 Nxd6) The fall of Black's d-Pawn signals the end

39 Nd4!) Black must lose his Bishop or his f-Pawn

END GAME



White to play and win

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WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

- 1 When and on which ground did Mushtaq Ali make his Test debut?
- 2 Who umpired the inaugural Test match at the Eden Gardens in 1933-34?
- 3 When L Sivaramakrishnan made his Test debut for India, he was 17 yrs and some days old How many days?
- 4 The first ever women's Test match was played between England and Australia in 1934 Who won it?
- 5 When did the first bobsleigh race take place?
- 6 Which country dominated the bobsleigh event in the 1984 Winter Olympics?
- 7 When was the handball event first included in the Olympics?
- 8 Which country has won the Uber Cup for badminton the maximum number of times?

- 9 Who was the first gymnast to have scored 10.00 points in Olympic Games?
- 10 Who holds the record of scoring the maximum number of goals in his career in international hockey?

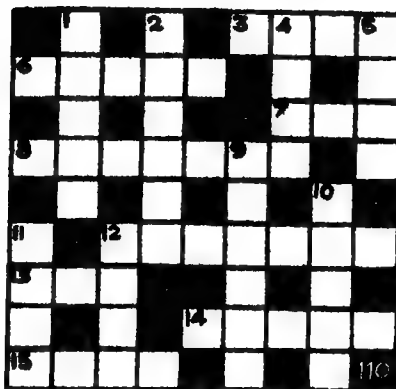
11 What does IFWHA stand for?

ANSWERS

1 1933-34 at Eden Gardens.
2 F Tarrant and J Hitch 3
117 days 4 England 5 1889,
Switzerland 6 GDR 7 1972, Mun-
ich 8 Japan, 1966, 69, 72, 78 and
81 9 Nadia Comaneci, Romania,
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SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





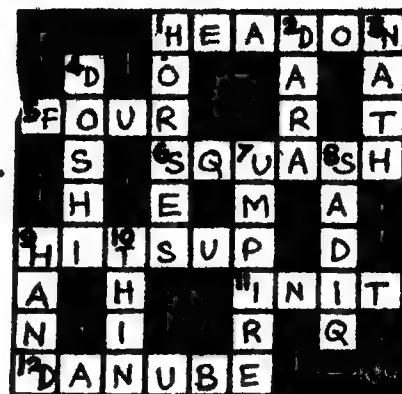
ACROSS

- 3 Seeing the pranks he is up to now Lambas—must surely have got his parents goat! (13)
6 Alternative name not making

- clear the role of Cassius Clay? (5)
7 What Pocock gives the ball on any ground (3)
8 Andhra's Singh who played hockey for India (7)
12 Contraptions suggesting Kapil's gone into the ice cream business! (7)
13 Vijay Merchant's senior was one — Tiger Pataudi's senior another (3)
14 Denis? Compton for one can never be so slyly derogatory (5)
15 Pal he certainly never was of the Pakistanis! (4)

DOWN

- 1 A Hall lifted my God! (5)
2 The Bob whose place will ever remain secure in Wisden? (6)
4 Take Imran before and Moham mad after — and you have two generations of Pak fast bowlers in one! (4)
5 Point to throw? (4)



- 9 Foreigners as holding Neil up (6)
10 Tails reversed in shade (5)
11 Let's hope Reena as a thing of beauty will find Mohsin — forever! (13)
12 Sid turning around a Roy (4)

QUESTION BOX

Q Which players have won the Wimbledon men's title from 1970 to 1975?

—Suman Arya, Nagpur

A 1970 John Newcombe (Australia), 1971—John Newcombe, 1972—Stan Smith (USA), 1973—Jan Kodes (Czechoslovakia), 1974—Jimmy Connors (USA) and 1975—Arthur Ashe (USA)

Q What is the birth date of Ravi Shastri and what is his complete Test record?

—Syed Waheeduddin, Burhanpur, MP

A Shastri's birth date is 27-5-1962. He has played 34 Tests, 53 innings, 8 times not out, 1676 runs, 142 not out as highest, 5 centuries, at an average of 32.74.

He has also taken 73 wickets at an average of 40.36. His best figures are 5-75.

Q What are the Test career records of the following—G.R. Viswanath, A.G. Kripal Singh, Jaisimha, and Vijay Merchant?

—Rubin Kaushik, Chandigarh

A Viswanath has played 91 Tests, 155 innings, 10 times not out, 6,080 runs, 222 as highest, 14 centuries, at an average of 41.93. He has held 62 catches.

A G. Kripal Singh has played 14 Tests, 20 innings, 5 times not out, 422 runs, 100 not out as highest, 1 century on debut, at an average of

28.13. He has taken 10 wickets at an average of 58.40 and held 4 catches.

Jaisimha has played 39 Tests, 71 innings, 4 times not out, 2056 runs, 129 as highest, 3 centuries at an average of 30.68. He has also taken 9 wickets and held 17 catches.

Vijay Merchant has played 10 Tests, 18 innings, 859 runs, 154 as highest, 3 centuries, at an average of 47.72. He has held 7 catches.

Q Can a batsman be given out if he stops the delivery deliberately by any part of his body (including his head) without using his bat, presuming that the ball would have otherwise hit the stumps?

—P. Chakroborti, Borwli, Bombay

A As per law 33 of handled the ball, either batsman on appeal shall be given out handled the ball if he wilfully touches the ball while in play with the hand not holding the bat, unless he does so with the consent of opposite side.

Q How many goals has Pele, the Brazilian soccer star, scored in his career?

—Rocky D'Souza, Vidyavihar, Bombay

A Pele has scored 1283 goals in firstclass soccer.

Q What is the Test record of Roger Binny?

—J.P. Suresh, Kolar Gold Fields

A Binny has played 17 Tests, 28 innings, 3 times not out, 605 runs, 83 not out as highest, at an average

of 24.20. He has taken 24 wickets at an average of 42.54. He has held 7 catches.

Q What are the birth dates of Binny and Srikanth?

—Sandra D'Silva, Chinchinim.

A Binny—19-7-1955 Snk-kanth—12-12-1959

Q What is the nationality of Norman Gifford and Graeme Fowler? What is their birth place and age?

—S.R. Vishwanath, Bangalore.

A Both Gifford and Fowler are British by nationality. Gifford was born at Ulverston, Cumbria on March 30, 1940 and Fowler was born at Accrington, Lancashire on April 30, 1957.

Q What is Kapil Dev's birth date and his highest score in Tests?

—Russel Crasto, Walkeshwar, Bombay.

A Kapil Dev's birth date is 6-1-1959 and his highest score in Tests is 126 not out against West Indies in 78-'79 at Delhi.

Q What is the record of South Africa against each country they have played?

—Sanjay Pathare, Kolhapur

A Against England South Africa has played 102 Tests, won 18, lost 46 and 38 were drawn.

Against Australia, S. Africa has played 53 Tests, won 11, lost 29 and 13 were drawn.

Against New Zealand, 17 Tests, won 9, lost 2 drew 6.

Hostel boys best

THE redeemable features of the recently concluded Gold Cup Hockey tournament in Bombay were the performances of the Sports Hostel boys from Lucknow Indian Airlines and the umpiring of M S Bhuller

The time is not far off when most of the young lads from the Sports Hostel will make a mark at the international level. Their strength lay in their attack which was based on swift short passes rarely seen in modern hockey. Their midfield and defence was also good. They did commit many errors largely due to their inexperience but they will surely learn and improve. I wish them the best of luck.

Mohan Chavda
(Bombay-9)

Lillee's book marvellous but...

It was marvellous of SPORTS WEEK to provide readers with exclusive extracts from Dennis Lillee's book 'Over and Out!'. But though Lillee has assessed Vivian Richards correctly, what struck a discordant note was Lillee's statement that Gavaskar has scored most of his runs at home which is not true.

More than half of Gavaskar's 8300 odd runs have been scored on foreign soil. In fact he holds the record for scoring the maximum runs abroad (4000 plus) followed by Ken Barrington.

Lillee has otherwise paid Gavaskar rich tributes. He has also rated the other Little Master, Vishwan



ath highly which coming from the greatest fast bowler of all time should please the fans of these two batsmen.

Sanjeev Kumar
(Hyderabad-1)



Thomson back

THE inclusion of 34 year old fast bowler Jeff Thomson in the Australian squad for the Ashes tour of England has come as a pleasant



surprise. This is a great chance for the fast bowler to reach the coveted mark of 200 Test wickets.

Although he has lost much of his pace, he is still capable of troubling the English batsmen. It will be recalled that Thomson was the second highest wicket taker in the last Ashes series with 22 wickets at 18.88 behind Geoff Lawson who took 34 wickets at 20.20. If Thomson and Lawson can repeat their form of 1982, this year Australia should have no difficulty in retaining the Ashes.

V Rajesh Subramanian
(Lucknow)

Captaincy: mere formality

It is pity that the captaincy issue carries so much weight both amongst the players and the media. Captaincy is a mere formality. Cricket is a team game where all players are equally important whether they are established stars or newcomers.

Of late there have been lot of suggestions and articles that Ravi Shastri is the right candidate for the

Indian team's captaincy next season - a contention I disagree with. Ravi is a fine cricketer and has a bright future ahead of him. Still he is relatively raw and needs to work harder to achieve that post.

Kapil Dev and Mohinder Amarnath in my estimation are the two best candidates. My vote though would go to Kapil Dev who has done so much for Indian cricket but was deprived of the captaincy only because he lost to the West Indies.

R K Chattopadhyay
(Uttarpara-58)

'twas Trumper

THIS is to bring to your notice that it was Victor Trumper who first scored a century before lunch in Test cricket and not K S Ranjitsinhji as wrongly mentioned in SPORTSWEEK (May 1-7).

Trumper achieved this landmark versus England at Manchester in 1902. The other batsmen to have emulated this feat are C G MacCartney against England at Leeds in 1926, D G Bradman against England at Leeds in 1930 and Majid Khan against New Zealand at Karachi in 1976-77.

Robin Kaushik
(Chandigarh)

Holding: preacher of peace

SOME memories stay sharp and vivid. Surely there will be no more pleasing sight to watch than Michael Holding in action. His decision to quit big cricket, although not surprising, will bring about a qualitative change in the department of fast bowling.

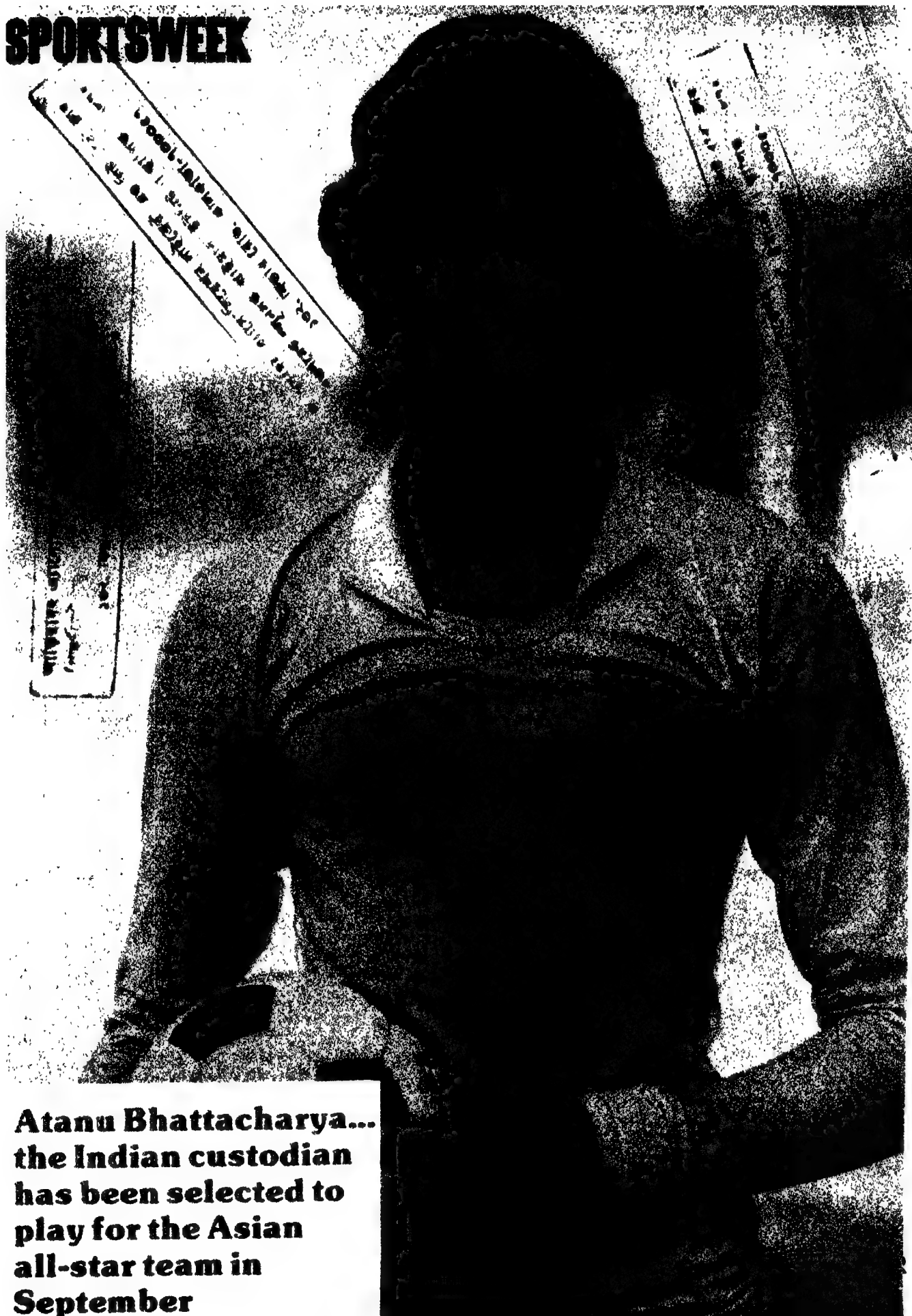
Who can forget the feats of this preacher of pace? His retirement makes me want to immediately pay him a befitting tribute. But suddenly I find my spirits dampening. How or where to begin? Suffice to say that



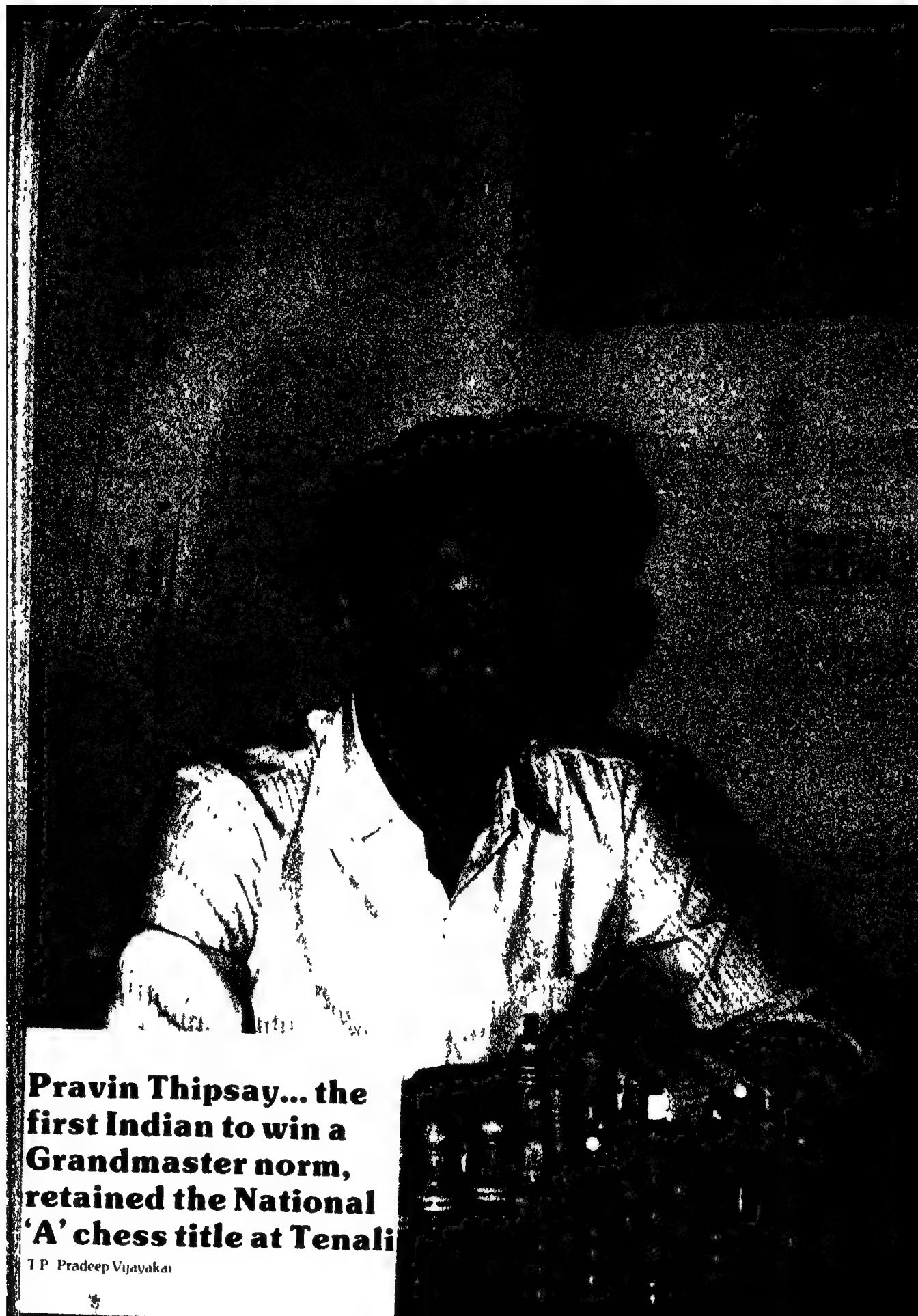
he is one of the few cricketers whose deeds will be discussed as long as cricket is played. That is the real measure of his greatness.

Shilbadra Datta
(Calcutta-29)

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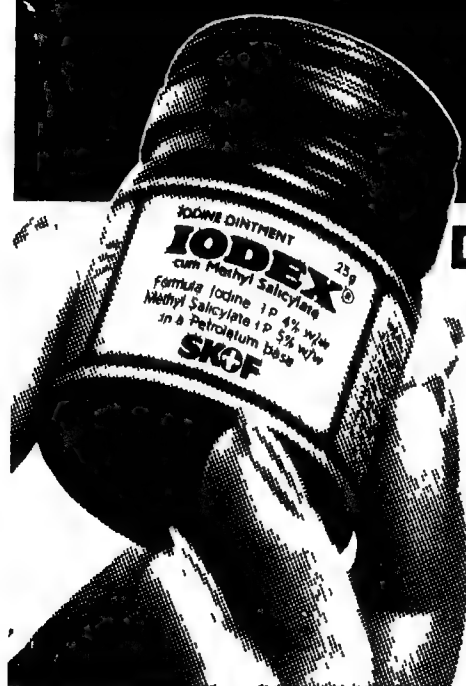
**Atanu Bhattacharya...
the Indian custodian
has been selected to
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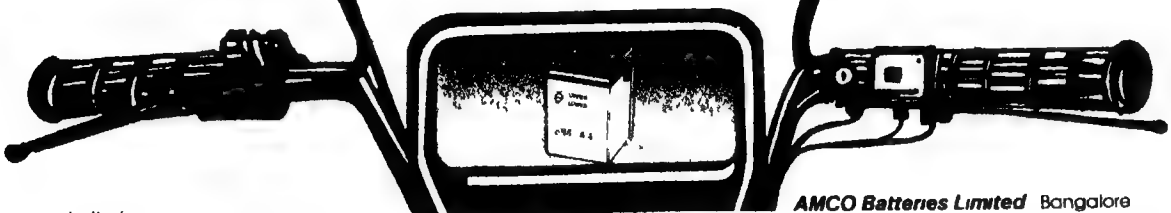
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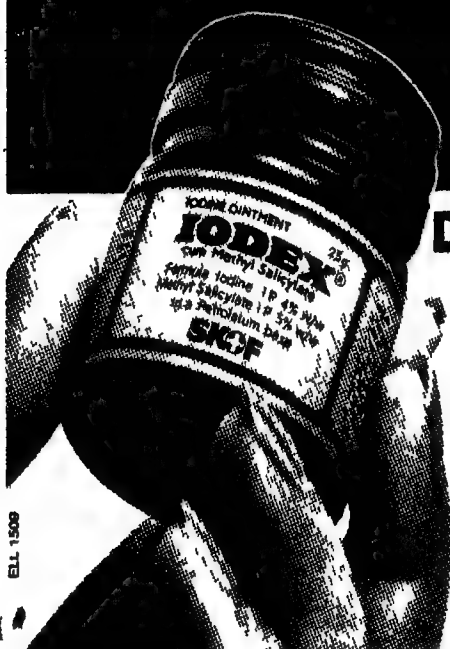
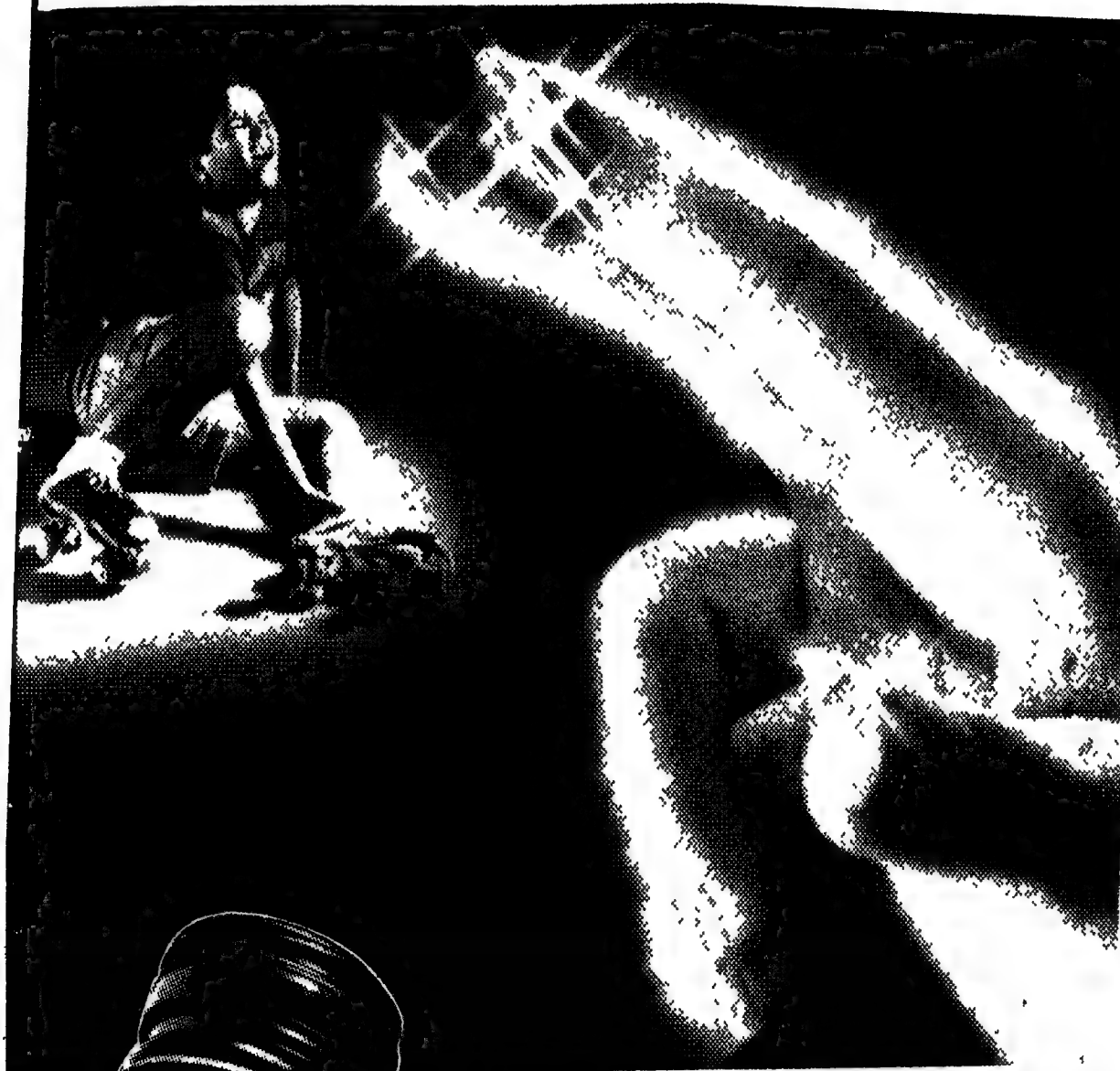


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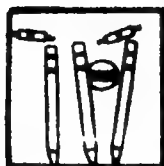
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Carry on David, say England selectors, but...

Is captaincy taking its toll on Gower?



By Ayaz Memon



DAVID GOWER's retention as captain for the forthcoming Ashes series was a foregone conclusion after England merited victory over India last season

He led his side to an improbable triumph after England had capitulated quite spinelessly in the first Test at Bombay

Even conceding that the Indian team was disjointed and lacking in motivation, Gower's influence in recouping the limited talent he had at his disposal and then turning the tables on India, was remarkable

It was a difficult tour in more ways than one. Apart from playing away from home without three of their best players, the England side also had to contend with factors beyond their control

The assassination of the prime minister of India, followed by that of the British Deputy High Commissioner, made the atmosphere highly incongenial

Frequent changes in the tour itinerary were a further source of aggrivement to the English players and it took all of David Gower's persuasion and skill in public relations to keep his team members patient, in good humour and committed to their goal of salvaging their pride

That they did more than this should testify against the contention of critics that Gower was too young or too flippant to lead the side

The question now, however, is whether the burden of captaincy is not resting too heavily on Gower's slender shoulders. After his legitimate succession to Willis's post (he captained England in Pakistan in

two Tests after Willis returned home due to injury last year and one more against the same country at Lord's in 1982), the volume of runs from Gower's blade has turned more into a trickle than the constant flow that English selectors and indeed all English cricket supporters expect.

Ironically, Gower is in some danger of losing his place in the English side as a batsman this season, what with so many middle order batsmen faring well in the county matches, though May and Co. cannot look beyond him as skipper!

But Gower well realises that he is no Brearley, perhaps the only player in the history of the game who could afford to remain a 'non-performing' captain, such were his leadership qualities.

Brearley was an exception. Gower, too, showed exceptional abilities but as a batsman when he made his Test debut in 1978. He hooked the first ball he received from Pakistan medium pacer Liaqat Ali nonchalantly for four. That one stroke heralded the arrival of a batsman of class. The type, who, while showing utter disdain for the bowling, would afford the lay spectators unbridled thrills and the puritans that rare aesthetic pleasure of watching a maestro in action.

Tall, lean and athletic with fuzzy golden hair which extended into endless curls, Gower made a pretty figure in the middle. With the pads on and bat in hand, he was even prettier. He had style. The type that is normally associated with left-handers acquired through years of practice at stroking balls on the off side from right hand bowlers which slant across the batsman and the swing of the bat. It is a delectable sight.

What marked him out of the ordinary was the rare ability to play his stroke late. He had the touch of a supreme violinist. But the delicacy was only in the execution of the stroke in the visual impact, which camouflaged the power behind it, derived not from sheer brute strength but exquisite timing. All hallmarks of a great player.

In the seven years since his debut, Gower has somehow remained on the periphery of greatness. He has in turn been the joy and the despair of English cricket supporters. For a man with such abundant and evident talent, he has not quite fulfilled the promise he showed in his first Test season, at least quantitatively.

To be realistic, one has to admit that in cricket it is very difficult to

combine watchfulness with stroke-play to a degree sustained efficiency. The zone of error is broader than in most other batsmen. An innings by a batsman of this type is bound to be delightful but chancy. In the true amateur spirit, that one has heard so much of.

The sport generally has acquired a certain hardness and harshness in the '70s and '80s which prescribe a win-at-all-costs attitude and decry the spirit in which the game was supposed to be played.

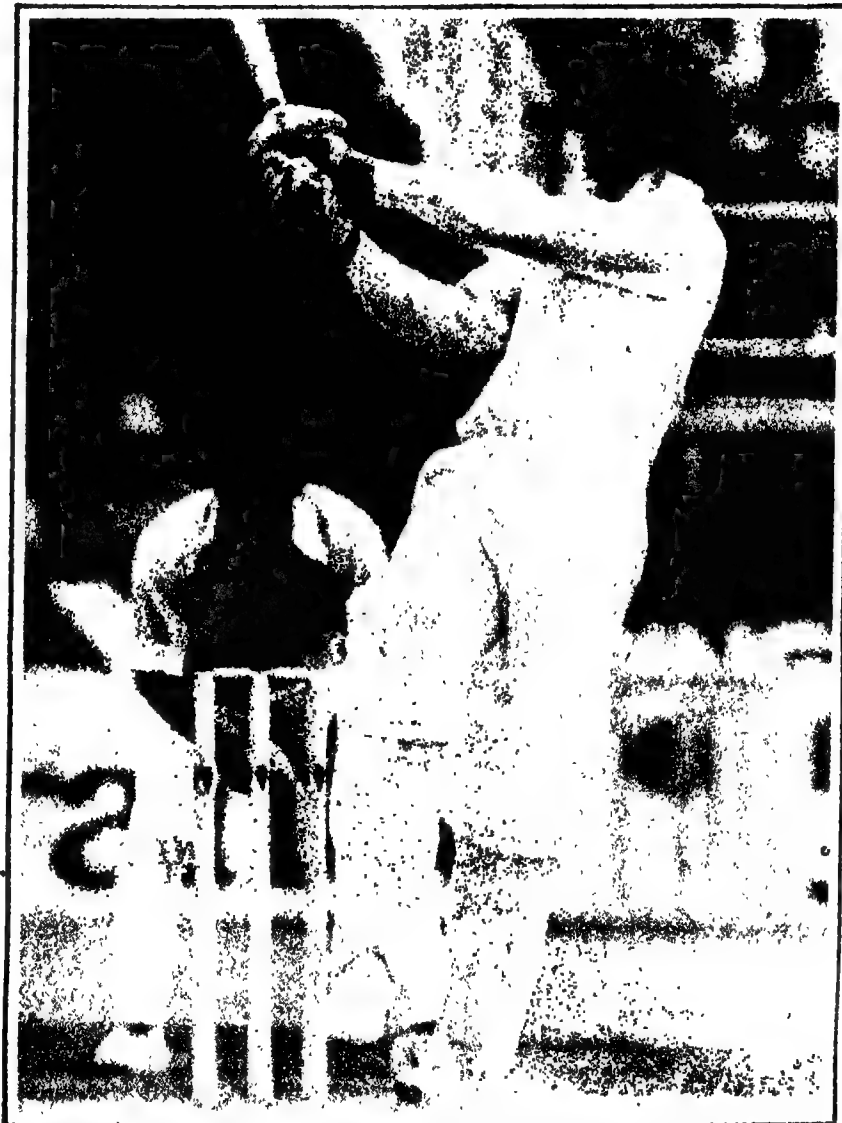
The 'village green' attitude is now looked down upon as an affront not just to team, but also to national interests, both by spectators and selectors. It is a pity, but also a fact of life for professional cricketers.

Gower's carefree, exuberant approach has predictably resulted in as many slumps as crests in his career. The highs and lows have in

fact alternated with amazing regularity, which has been a matter of consternation to the English selectors who have otherwise been unanimous in accepting that in terms of sheer talent, he is the best batsman in the country.

Gower, to be fair, has made sincere efforts to imbibe the self discipline (or the self denial), to mend his 'errant' and flamboyant ways. After a disastrous series against the West Indies in 1980, in which he was even dropped, Gower displayed remarkable professionalism and doggedness when England met the West Indies again in 1981 in the Caribbean Islands.

His unbeaten 154 in the final Test was an epic knock, full of determination and concentration. And although England lost the series, the English public and selectors were happy over the form of



David Gower... has the rare ability to play his stroke late with the touch of a supreme violinist



David Gower found it difficult to maintain a high degree of concentration



The England captain with Vicky Morgan

Gooch, Boycott and specifically Gower.

Gower found it difficult to maintain that high degree of concentration, the will to build an innings to battle ruthlessly. He was back to his frivolous ways. A solid hundred is of infinitely more value in Test cricket than an enchanting brief 30 or 40 and Gower was the despair of his supporters because of his inability or rather unwillingness to prolong his innings substantially.

Captaincy came suddenly to Gower. He had led the side against Pakistan at Lord's in 1982, a match which he would like to forget for England were thrashed soundly. But in that series Willis was out only for one Test and Gower had to step down immediately.

On the tour of Pakistan last year though Willis had to fly back after only one Test which ensconced Gower firmly as the leader for the rest of the tour.

He could not level the series after the first Test was lost under Willis but what Gower did achieve was enough to convince the English selectors that he was the man for the big job against the West Indies later that summer.

What was of greater importance was that Gower had performed better as a batsman with the added responsibility of a captaincy. With two hundreds in the two Tests he captained 154 and 173 not out, the first a match saving inning, Gower seemed to have come of age.

Not many teams in recent years have survived the demoralising often sinister onslaught of the West Indies. The optimism about Gower's maturity as a batsman was soon deflated. There was little his captaincy could do either to stop the West Indies from blackwashing the England side. It was a pathetic show by England and Gower's misery was only heightened by his own poor form.

One does not know for sure whether Gower started greying and balding in the course of that series. What is known is that he decided that he had had enough of his bohemian lifestyle and casually slipped the engagement ring on Vicky Morgan, his live-in girlfriend of many years. That perhaps was the only satisfying episode that Gower would like to recall of that season. That was also probably what kept Gower sane, for a series against the

West Indies often leave opposing skippers nursing many neuroses.

The selectors too realised Gower could have done little against the West Indies as captain and entrusted him with the job against India. England walked away with the honours in this series but Gower's lean trot continued except for the last Test.

This now is the immediate area of concern for both Gower and the English selectors. He is undoubtedly short of confidence though whether leading the side is a contributing factor or not is purely a matter of conjecture. He insists it is not. At least *not* that much.

Hopefully there will be a revival in Gower's fortunes this season. His silken feline grace and almost sensual artistry could brighten up even the bleakest English summer.

The English selectors will be keeping their fingers crossed and hoping that with the recall of Gooch and Emburey and the return of Botham will lessen some of his worries about the team and his old dynamism will return. He is obviously too classy a batsman to be kept down for long. For thousand plus runs and nine hundred testify this.

Hughes: my loyalty meant nothing

KIM Hughes blamed certain "commercial interests" for his downfall in cricket last summer, and nobody could doubt he was referring to Kerry Packer's organisation.

Speaking at a press conference in Perth to explain his decision to lead the rebel Australian team in South Africa, Hughes claimed he had not been chosen for the present tour of England because "cricket in this country and particularly establishment cricketers are very much at the mercy of major business interests and cricket politics".

"I believe that the controlling body of Australian cricket has failed to give sufficient support to establishment cricket and has equally failed to act independently of commercial interests behind the game at this particular moment."

"Accordingly, in all the financial counter-moves employed to maintain the essential strength of the touring team to the United Kingdom it seemed clear and obvious that my loyalty to establishment cricket meant nothing."

"Every avenue had been closed off to my return to the Australian team. The commercial interests have been successful."

Although Hughes's meaning here is occasionally obscure, the gist of the statement is clear enough: he was accusing the Australian Cricket Board of not standing by players such as himself who remained loyal to the ACB when most leading cricketers deserted to Packer's World Series Cricket in 1977.

He seemed to accuse the ACB, too, of surrendering control of the game to the Packer organisation.

There has long been talk in cricket circles of an on-going feud between Hughes and certain people in the old WSC camp, and many observers say this as a principal cause of discord in the team when Hughes was captain. By apparently alluding to the feud Hughes gave the South African cricket crisis a new and unexpected dimension.



Kim Hughes... "My priorities now lie with assuring my future and that of my family."

What he failed to explain was precisely how, in his view, he had been kept out of the team.

He did speak, though, of "the financial counter-moves" to keep the Ashes touring side strong, by which he apparently meant the payments which the Packer organisation is rumoured to have made to four cricketers who withdrew from

the rebel tour.

Elsewhere in his statement Hughes indicated he had hoped to be chosen as a replacement for one of the four.

Hughes who returned from Johannesburg, where he signed a contract to lead the rebel team said he was being paid the same as the others in the team - reportedly



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Hughes seemed to accuse ACB, too, of surrendering control of the game to the Packer organisation

\$200,000 tax-free over two seasons

He confirmed that he had been one of the last players recruited. Although he had received an offer to tour South Africa as long ago as March, it was only late last month that he told the South Africans he was interested in going.

He was prompted to do this, he said, by "events immediately prior to the departure of the Australian team to England," although he did not specify what these events were.

He did not make up his mind to lead the rebel tour until he went to South Africa with his wife and his business adviser, Rob Parry, to see the country for himself.

"My priorities now lie with assuring my future and that of my family," he said.

Courtesy The Sydney Morning Herald

No SA Govt. funds

By Chris Freimond

THE South African Cricket Union has strongly denied that the South African Government will fund the Australian rebel cricket tour.

In an interview the union's special adviser, Dr. Ali Bacher, said all previous rebel tours had been financed without any "direct government spending" and the same would apply to the coming tour.

Although the SACU has still to find sponsors for the tour, Dr. Bacher was confident that "the books will balance".

While no official cost figures have been given, the 14 rebels from Australia are reliably understood to be receiving about \$200,000 each for two tours of about 2½ months each.

Bacher said the captain, Kim Hughes, would get the same fee as other players and no more.

The union will also pay all travel

and accommodation costs. It has been estimated that the two tours could cost the union between \$3.5 million and \$4.25 million.

Dr. Bacher said the union would have no trouble finding local sponsors, and ruled out seeking finance from Australian companies.

Money would also be made from gate receipts, television rights and the sale of advertising space, he said.

The gate at the 30,000-seat Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg during the first of the two tours is expected to be between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million.

Dr. Bacher confirmed that approaches had been made by Australian television stations interested in covering the matches.

A government official in Cape-town denied that the government was helping to finance the tour.

Two previous rebel tours, one by

the Sri Lankans and an earlier West Indian tour, were financed by the union at a total loss of about \$416,000. The first rebel tour by the English in 1981-82 was backed by South African Breweries to the tune of \$400,000.

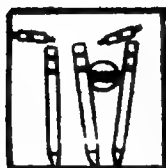
In 1983 the South African Government offered to assist the union if it lost money on the rebel tours, but the offer was publicly declined by the union.

For the coming tour, it appears the union will try to meet most of the costs, but will seek sponsors to underwrite any losses.

The South African Government regularly assists sports organisations to finance tours to South Africa.

In 1983 the Government gave nearly \$178,000 to 26 sports organisations to help pay for foreign sports teams to visit. The figure was \$252,000 by 1984.

What a season for Hughes!



FROM September 1984 to May 1985 Kim Hughes has hogged headlines in the Australian press

First was his tour of India as Australia's successful captain, then the nightmare series against the West Indies where he lost his batting form—his emotional resignation as Aussie skipper being the event of the year was dropped from the Australian team, was recalled and axed from the England tour

Now as captain of the Australian rebel cricketers to South Africa he is back on page one of all national papers in Australia

Mr Bob Hawke, Australia's Prime Minister was highly disappointed that former captains Hughes and Graham Yallop have agreed to play in South Africa. But in independent polls Sydney cricket fans have supported the rebels

Channel Nine TV station conducted a ring in poll last week asking viewers whether they were for or against Australian cricketers going to South Africa to play cricket there

Of the 15 909 viewers who voted on phone in four hours 79.2 per cent were for and 20.8 per cent were against

Radio Station 2GB held a similar poll and recorded similar findings,

Larwood honoured

THE THIRD Test between Australia and England at Trent Bridge, Nottinghamshire is an occasion for nostalgia. A stand will be opened during that Test called 'Larwood-Voce stand' in honour of the great English fast bowlers now remembered mostly for their Bodyline connections in 1932

Harold Larwood, happily settled in Sydney was thrilled. But as he is so and can't see very well he is sending his daughters June and Freda for the historic occasion in Notts, England

"Nice gesture at my time of life," Larwood said. "Pitty, Bill (Voce) isn't around to enjoy it too."

of the 1,169 voters, 1,037 were for and only 132 against

This confirms my belief that to Australians, making money is the most important thing in life. Besides if Australian cricketers mix so well with fellow cricketers from West Indies, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, why should they not mix with cricketers from South Africa? That is their philosophy

All the "rebels" have stated repeatedly that they abhor apartheid and by going to South Africa they are not supporting that country's ugly practice of separate development. They are going only as individual sportsmen who need financial security

Not all Australians have supported Kim Hughes and his 'rebel' team. When he recently returned to Perth from South Africa, he was greeted by various, criticising posters at the air-port



One of the posters that greeted Hughes on his arrival from South Africa

Biggest support for Kim Hughes came from his mother Ruth. She blames the Australian cricket authorities for his decision to join the rebel Australian tour of South Africa

"I know he must be having sad thoughts about the way things have turned out. He loves cricket and he loves Australia," she said

That is correct but to say that Hughes was treated shabbily by the Australian Cricket Board is unfair. In fact he was given more chances than he deserved. He had to make only one big score and he would have retained his Test place



"Get everything? Set, protector, pads, gloves, investment guide?"

The Kingston Dossier

	Inaugural year	Total played	W. Indies won	Opponents won	Matches drawn
vs England	Apr. 1930	9	3	1	5
vs India	Mar. 1953	6	4	1	2
vs Australia	Mar. 1955	6	2	2	2
vs Pakistan	Feb. 1958	2	2	1	1
vs New Zealand	Feb. 1972	2	1	1	1
		25	12	4	10

Updated to May 8, 1985, when West Indies won a series outright against the Kiwis for the first time in 29 years! New Zealand had been beaten 1-0 in the inaugural 1952 rubber against West Indies on New Zealand soil, and they lost again 3-1 on home soil four years later in 1956. Thereafter, they managed to draw 1-1 in 1969 for the third successive rubber in Kiwiland, and then drew all five Tests in the Caribbean in 1972.

New Zealand subsequently made glorious Test history when they defeated West Indies 1-0 in the 3-match series in New Zealand in 1980, and thus held the rubber for the last five years, until the Windies revenged themselves in the recently concluded series.

Highest totals

The record at Kingston is England's 849 in 1930. It is the second highest total in Test annals, and the highest by any side in the Caribbean.

The Windies best at this venue is 790 for three declared vs Pakistan in 1958, whilst their highest against the Kiwis at Kingston is 508 for four declared in 1972. New Zealand's highest on this ground is 386 in 1972.

Lowest totals

The lowest 'completed' total at Kingston is shrouded in controversy. Technically, it is 97 made by India in the notorious 'blood-bath' Test of 1976 with five men absent hurt. The next lowest is England's 103 in 1935, but here too one batsman was absent injured.

The lowest by the Windies at this venue is 139 all out vs England in 1954, whilst the Kiwis in the recent Test recorded their lowest at Kingston with 138, with vice-captain Jeremy Coney retiring hurt for four with a fractured left forearm.

Top scores

The record at Kingston is the famous innings of 365 not out by Gary Sobers against Pakistan in 1958 – till today the highest individual score in Test annals.

The record for an opponent-batsman at this venue is Andy Sandham's 325 in 1930 in his final Test appearance – till today the highest individual score by a batsman playing his last Test.

The top scores by batsmen representing the other countries: New Zealand's Glenn Turner with an unbeaten 223 in 1972, India's Dlip Sardesai with 212 in 1971, Australia's Neil Harvey with 204 in



Sir Garfield Sobers... his famous 365 at Kingston is a record

1955 and Pakistan's Asif Iqbal with a modest 135 in 1977.

The Windies' top scores against other countries: 270 not out vs

England by George Headley in 1935, 237 vs India by Frank Worrell in 1953, 214 vs New Zealand by Lawrence Rowe in 1972 and 155 vs Australia by Clyde Walcott in 1955.

Highest stands

The record at Kingston is 446 (2nd Wkt) between Conrad Hunte and Gary Sobers vs Pakistan in 1958 – the second highest partnership record in Test history, only five runs short of two towering peaks: 451 for Australia vs England in 1934 and 451 for Pakistan vs India in 1982-83.

The best by an opposing team at this venue is 295 (3rd Wkt) between Colin McDonald and Neil Harvey for Australia in 1955. In the recent Test, although New Zealand set a record for their second wicket against any country with a stand of 210 between Geoff Howarth and Jeff Crowe, it just failed to beat the Kiwi best at Kingston: 220 (6th Wkt) between Glenn Turner and Ken Wadsworth in 1972.

The best for the Windies against the Kiwis at this venue: 269 (2nd Wkt) between Roy Fredericks and Lawrence Rowe in 1972.

Best innings bowling

The record at Kingston is seven for 34 by England's Trevor Bailey in 1954, whilst the Windies best at this venue is Wesley Hall's seven for 69 vs England in 1960.

In the recent Test, Winston Davis with devastating figures of four for 19 in 13.5 overs established a record for the Windies against the Kiwis at Kingston, surpassing David Holford's four for 55 in 1972.

Similarly, Richard Hadlee too set a record for New Zealand's best innings bowling figures at Kingston with four for 53, outstripping the previous best of two for 45 for Bev Congdon in 1972.



New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth plays defensively during his second innings 84

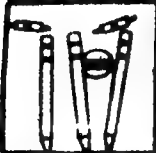


Kiwi opener John Wright ondrives Courtney Walsh during his first innings top score of 53



The off stump goes flying as Ian Smith is bowled by Malcolm Marshall for nine in the second innings

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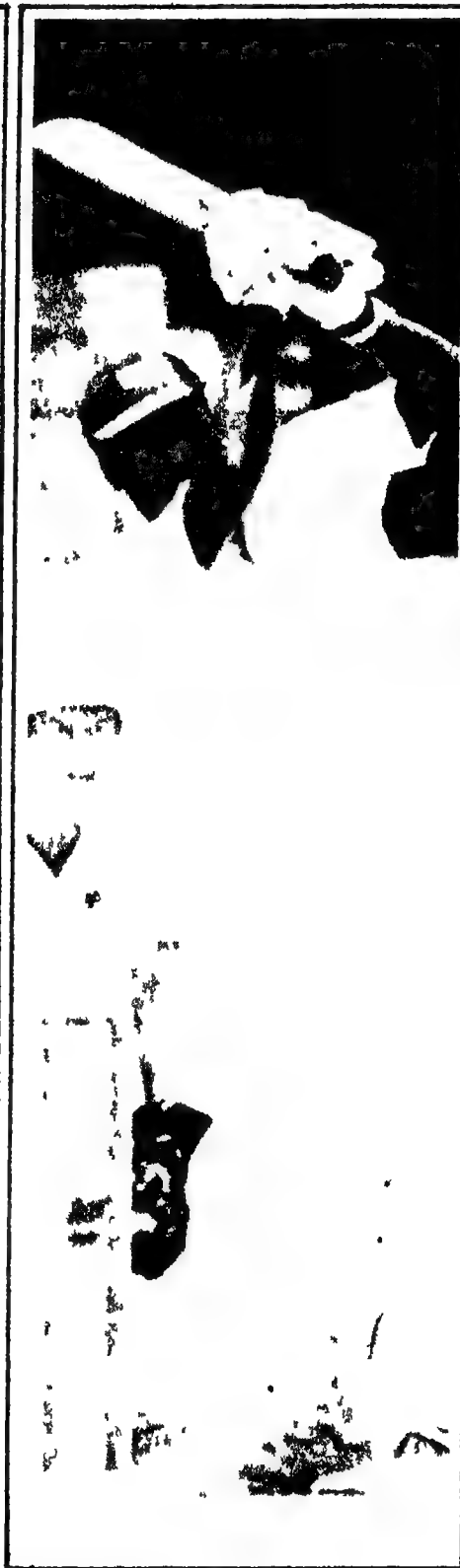


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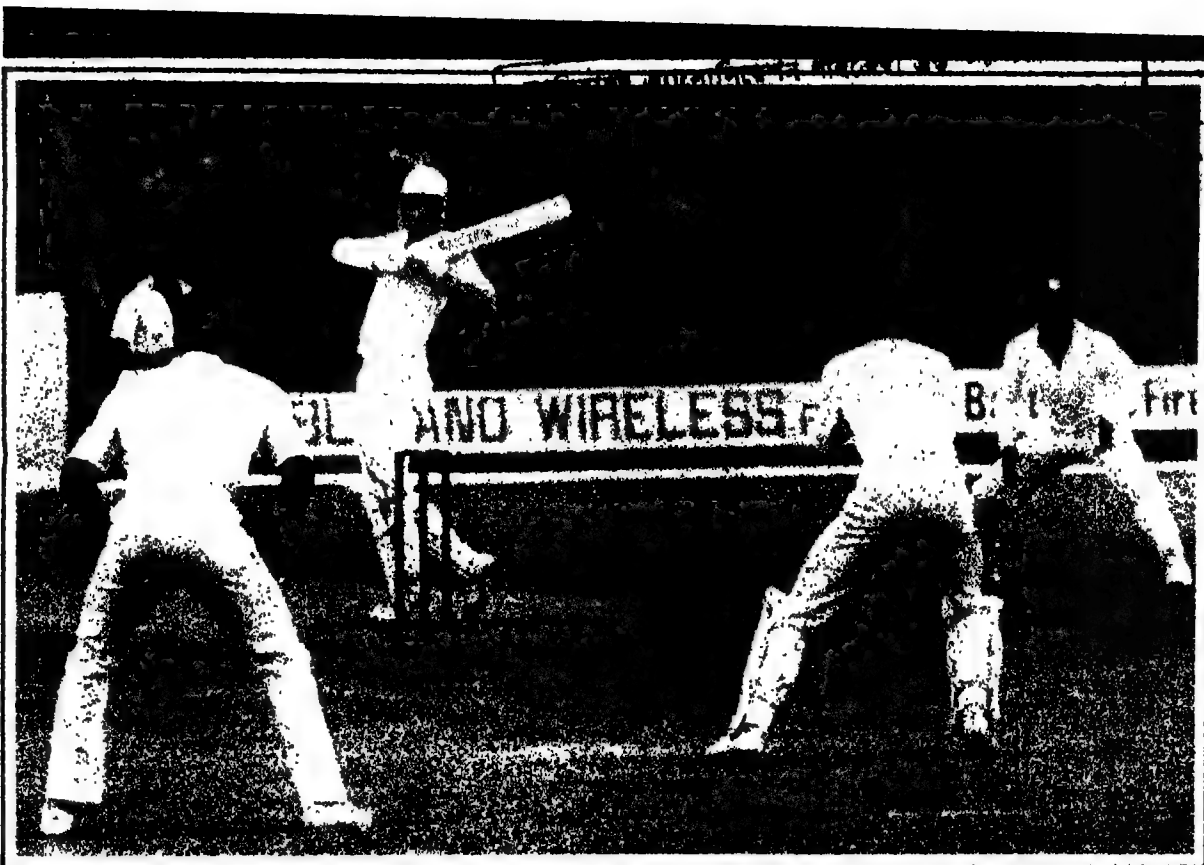
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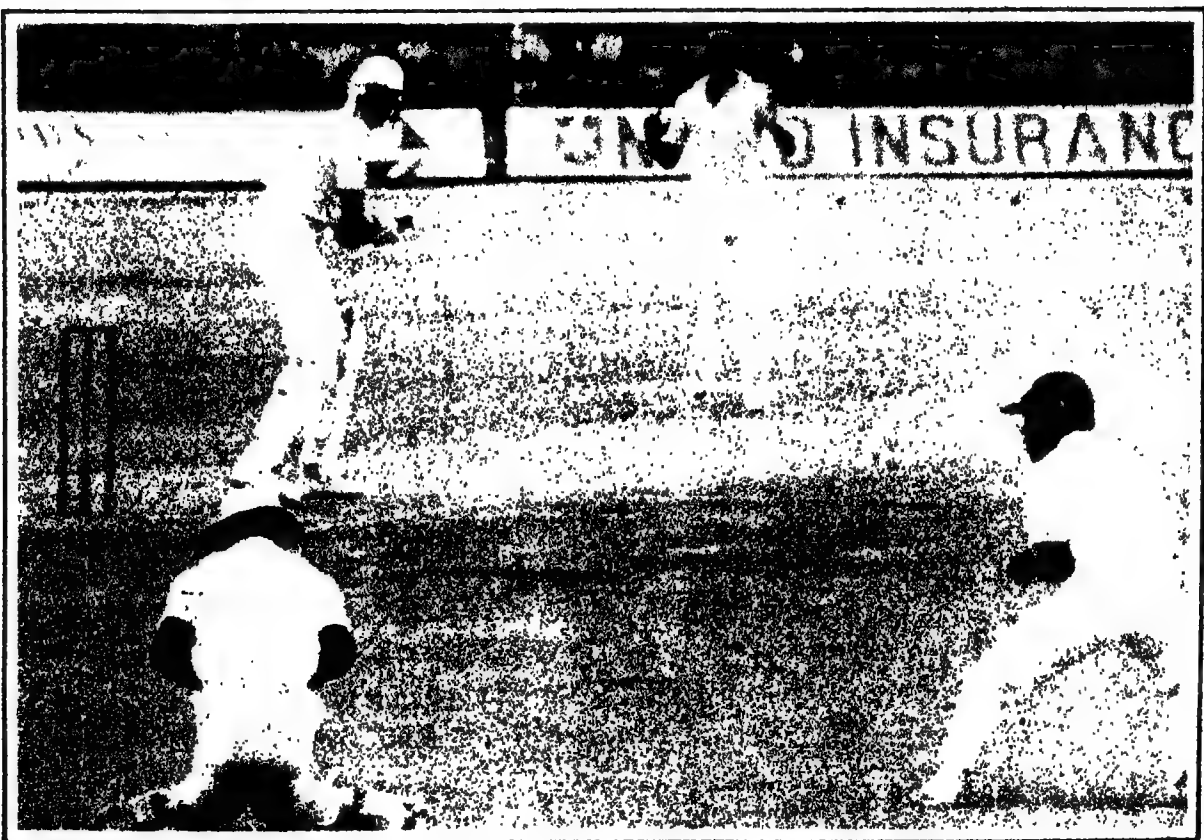
Richard Hadlee raises his finger in triumph after having Gordon Greenidge caught by Jeff Crowe for two in the first innings



Windies captain Vivian Richards lifts Boock for one of his three sixes in his innings of 105



The first wicket of the Test... John Wright (0) fails to get his bat out of the way and 'keeper Dujon waits for the deflection off Marshall



Safely held... Richie Richardson goes down on his knees to catch Jeremy Coney off Marshall for two in the first innings

PHOTOGRAPH BY GORDON BROOKS

Ali – the most popular man in the history of sport

The mind slips back with clarity when Bombay was graced by Moham mad 'Cassius Clay' Ali, four years ago

One remembers also with much clarity how he played with the people he was, and is dealing with all of his career the Press

Every poser or spiteful dart fired at him from all angles, with various degrees of stupidity, were parried with the utmost ease of a champion in the ring, who has mastered the art of evading those punches under the harsh arc lamps

He was a big man – as big as they come The film clippings showed him flitting like a butterfly, his sting really making the other guy flinch They came and they lost Joe Frazier, Leon Spinks, George Foreman The sting outlasted them all

The tongue had the quality to snub, the acid dropping swiftly cloaked with a dose of sweet sarcasm. He was the king in the arena as well as on the podium That's why he was Jimmy Carter's man of peace

The Chinese literally climbed the wall last week when he visited the communist country with his wife, regaling the people with his usual repartees

Soon on his return the World Boxing Council honoured the "most popular man in the history of sports" and Ali was greeted with an atmosphere befitting an academy awards at a black-tie dinner in California



'A humanitarian', Jose Sulaiman, the WBC chairman called him as he presented him the life-time achievement award, honouring 'his contribution to boxing and humanity'

Ali had made front page news all over the world when he was afflicted by Parkinson's disease, slurring his speech and making him lose his muscle control One does not know if he is completely cured but the fact that he is once again up and about is enough evidence of the man who stood unrivalled in the boxing ring for over a decade



Mohd. Ali...revelling the crowd in Bombay with his sparring partner Jimmy Ellis in the background

A 'gay' dimension to sport

BRITAIN is to have its first Gay Olympics and the organisers are hoping that the event will be funded by tax payers

The one day series of indoor sports is expected to attract upto 2000 competitors and spectators Events will include swimming water polo squash, basketball football and shooting Proceeds will go to research groups trying to find a cure for the killer disease AIDS which predominantly affects homosexuals

"While this is an event for homosexuals, we will not object if there are some heterosexuals in some of the teams – presumably if they are taking part they must be sympathetic," said Mike McCann of the Gay Business Association which helps companies run by homosexuals

Bonus does not get the nod

THE one million dollar bonus for winning the tennis Grand Slam – the Australian, French,

Wimbledon and US Championships – will not be renewed after this year's US Open according to Philippe Chartier president of the International Tennis Federation

Chartier said in London that the decision not to renew the bonus was taken by the ITF's management committee It was felt that the money it involved – an insurance premium paid to us jointly by te, explained Chartier

The bonus which goes to any player who wins the four tournaments in succession was introduced three years ago and so far only Martina Navratilova has won it

Mexico dresses up real pretty

ONE year before Mexico hosts the 1986 World Cup soccer tournament preparations are proceeding well for what is generally considered the world's leading sports event

Excitement is already running high with the logos for the tournament visible in many places and crews expanding and modifying the 12 stadiums in nine cities that will be used for the month long event

The publicity campaign for the 1986 tournament includes the sale of articles from stickers to pencil boxes and yo-yos featuring the logo. Some banks are even offering credit to customers who want to purchase tickets which went on sale in January.

'Pique', the chili-pepper mascot wearing a large sombrero and a soccer uniform, at first caused some controversy when critics charged that it was an obscene symbol with a sexual connotation. Now, the green figure is one of the most visible and popular cartoon characters in the country.

Ticket sales for the tournament in other countries will start soon, for the first time ahead of the draw that will determine which team plays where. Mexico planned the quick sale in order to obtain foreign exchange needed for the expenses of the tournament.

Cowdreys – under a shadow of family differences

THE cricketing Cowdreys got together on the field this season for a piquant reunion. But the shadow of past family differences marred what should have been a warm occasion for England players, Colin, 53, and son Christopher, 27.

The last time father and son played in the same match was in 1976. Then, seven years ago, Colin devastated the family by leaving his wife Penny for a new life with Lady Anne Herries, daughter of the late 16th Duke of Norfolk. The Cowdreys divorced two months ago.



Colin Cowdrey...devastated the family by leaving his wife.

Father and son met recently in a fund raising match at Dover. Colin captained a Kent 1970 team against a Kent 1985 team led by Christopher. Another son, 20-year-old Graham, currently captain of Kent's second eleven was also playing.

But the three sat apart during lunch before the match and again during the tea interval. Father and son did shake hands as they went out to toss. 'I'm very proud of him', said Colin of the son whom he taught to play in their back garden.

Friends say Colin follows both sons' careers closely and often phones Christopher to discuss Kent's progress. For the match, 2,500 people watched Colin stroke the ball to the boundary with his old mastery in his 25 not out. Chris made 33, and Graham did not bat as Kent 1985 won by 58 runs.

Afterwards Colin came out surrounded by small boys wanting his autograph. Then as the crowd applauded the victors, he stood at a distance from his sons.

Puica piqued at the measly attention

WHILE the world was and is obsessed with the clash between the two queens of long distance running, Mary Decker and Zola Budd, and their subsequent historic race at Los Angeles, everybody seems to have forgotten the woman who beat them both in the Olympics – Marica Puica of Romania.

Puica, slighted at the measly attention she has received from the media, claimed recently in Bucharest that she would beat Decker if they met in the Grand Prix series this season. 'I sincerely regret Mary Decker's accident in Los Angeles but I always knew that I would win,' Puica said.

'When Mary decided not to run in the 1,500 metres I knew something



Marica Puica... 'The accident changed nothing for me'.

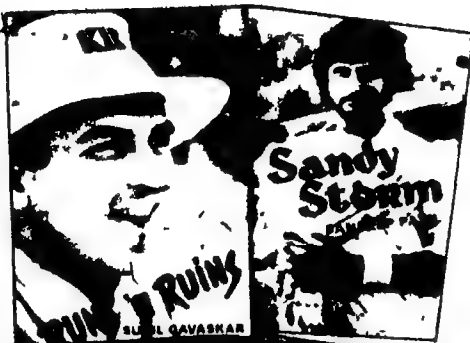
was wrong with her. I watched the strain on her face when she qualified for the 3,000 metres final and I knew that she could not beat me.

'The accident changed nothing for me. I felt her spikes scratch my legs as she went down and for a fraction of a second I wanted to help her to her feet. If I had been Mary I would have tried to get up and fight back. She owed it to her home crowd,' Puica said.

Mary, who recently got married to Richard Slaney, will not be too happy to hear these strong words. The forthcoming athletic competitions could witness some heady races in the women's long distance races, what with Mary and Marica trying to outdo each other, and the shadow of Zola Budd behind them striving to be the best.

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The Australian Cricket Board

By Dennis Lillee



"THE BOARD" Two little words the Australian cricket enthusiast reads or hears umpteen times each summer. Has quite a cloak-and-dagger ring to it, doesn't it? Like "The Mafia" or "The Godfather" or "The Inner Sanctum" or "Big Brother." And I suppose the cricket fan knows as much—or as little—about the first as he does about any of the other four.

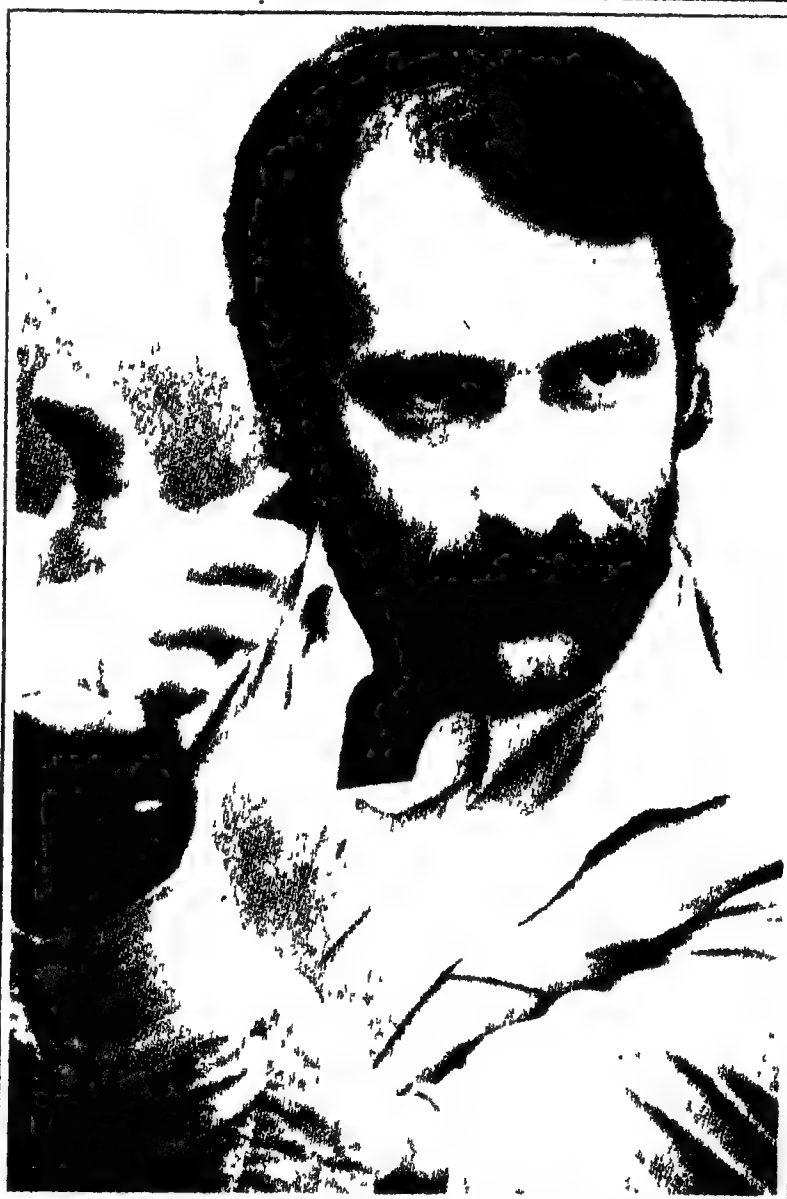
If he believes a deliberately-constructed mystique surrounds the Australian Cricket Board, its members and decisions, then he is not far wrong. As the body controlling cricket in this country, the Board remains aloof from even the senior players. It governs from afar.

It is a fascinating institution and the Board and I have had our movements. We did not care for each other, but it wasn't always so.

Typically, the newcomer to first-class cricket is wet behind the ears but busting with enthusiasm. The law-makers (or politicians, if you like) are of little consequence to him. At least that is what the newcomer believes. In fact, his every action is scrutinised and, at appropriate moments, debated by various Board members. His fitness, ability and overall dignity to play at senior level are their primary concern.

Some of the older players know to their cost what happens if you do not strictly toe the "Board Line." The younger players can only learn as they go along.

Although a Test cricketer, whatever his experience, is primarily concerned with his form and fitness, he is always aware of the Board hovering in the background. That does not mean that he sees it as a menace. But he sees it as something of which he is not a part and of which he is never likely to be part. His career will progress with-



I try to make a point



The goodbye that will be with me forever

out him ever crossing the threshold of the Board's domain. He might however end up on the perimeter when The Board calls him to account.

As a working rule, the Board and the players will keep their distance. I have had some very close encounters of another kind with the Board but more about that later.

It is with a mixture of awe and blissful ignorance that the player looks at the A.C.B. and its workings. It was most certainly so with me. I suppose it is easy enough at my age and stage to say that all Board members are merely human, but they seemed much removed from ordinary mortals when I began

I left school early. A tie to me was what happened in Brisbane when Australia met the West Indies in 1960. I revered the outdoor life. Perhaps because I had no leaning toward the formal academic life of committeemen, the Board meant very little to me when I broke into first class cricket.

Indeed, who were these Board members? I was not very interested. Wickets were foremost in my scheme of affairs and it seemed to me that I would gain little or no advantage from meeting 'The Board'.

My feelings changed to real awe, however, when I met my very first Board member. It just hap-

pened to be Sir Donald Bradman. I was selected to make my debut for Australia in the Adelaide Test of 1970-71, the last season Sir Donald was Chairman of the national selectors. He was then 62 with an incomparable career as player and administrator behind him. He was legendary. I think even now the name Bradman strikes awe, perhaps fear, into the hearts of many.

I did not think it was necessary, as a Test player, to meet anyone other than my captain and the other players. I was duly introduced to my team-mates and I think I showed them due respect. I didn't know quite what to expect when I was introduced to Bradman, but I learned very quickly that as an elder statesman he made it his business to give a little of his philosophy to some of the newcomers to the Australian side.

I remember him as a very sprightly individual whose knowledge of the game was second to none and I enjoyed the fact that at our first meeting, he pulled me aside, at a function before that Adelaide Test, and advised me to just forget about all the newspaper talk of bowling bumpers. He said I should concentrate on my bowling which had been good enough to get me into the Test team. It was a good, logical piece of advice and, coming from him, it had to be taken very seriously.

It was good advice for another reason. It relaxed me a little for the huge job ahead. I was 21 and the responsibility of opening the bowling for Australia was bigger than anything I had shouldered before. My chat with Bradman eased the inner tensions but put me in deeper awe of the man himself.

I knew at once that Board members were different.

And so they have been ever since. No doubt because of the age differences, Board members and players think differently. That does not necessarily mean they think more correctly than the players—but it does mean there will certainly be differences of viewpoint.

Differences. Ah yes, I could fill a book, and while I don't want to get into my personal problems with the Board at this point, I think it is worth recounting my next direct contact with them.

I had played a bit of cricket at this time and all of a sudden, I started to think about my future. I started to think about my wife, my



Marsh, Greg and me *It seemed like one farewell after another*

two boys In a word security There I was, away for eight or nine months of the year earning \$8,000 or \$9,00 for it If this kept up, I thought to myself, by the time it's all over, I'll have a big mortgage to pay off my house, probably won't be able to educate my kids properly and, worst of all, will be untrained and damned near unemployable as an ageing former Test cricketer

It doesn't always work out that way, of course Richie Benaud was a trained journalist and things have worked out well for him, Ross Edwards, who quit the game because of job commitments, only to be brought back by World Series Cricket, is now doing well in the Sales Department of Channel Nine but many others, like myself, without any real qualifications to start a working career at 30 or older, certainly had problems

I think many players were lost to the game prematurely because they had to put their future first Ian Chappell, Bob Cowper and Ian Redpath were just three who retired because they couldn't see how they were going to make ends meet once they quit playing cricket

Anyway, I was a part of the Ashes-winning team in 1974-75 and perhaps in the euphoria of success I happened to privately comment on money—and the amount of it we received I was chatting to a stranger in the inner sanctum of the dressing room after the match I hadn't seen this guy before and I haven't seen him since, but he seemed freindly enough I didn't realise it then, but my basic distrust of pressmen was about to be born

I said to this bloke that I didn't think Test cricketers were well

paid I said I thought players should be on a contract of \$25,000 a year to give them financial security I said I didn't think we were getting a fair go

And what happened? My every word appeared in some obscure Tasmanian newspaper, and from there the story made its way into the Eastern States press "Lillee Blasts Board" or some such headline My career as a potential troublemaker had begun and all very innocently, really

The next move really suprised me Within 48 hours I had Ray Steele, a Board member and my first tour manager in England in Perth ready for a heart-to-heart The Board had flown over one of its senior men to admonish me

"It wasn't a very good thing to do, Dennis", said Ray In future, I



"Run, Dennis, Run..."

should keep my mouth shut. Speak when spoken to, me of school and you already know what I think of most schoolteachers.

I told Ray I thought that my criticisms, though never intended for publication, were valid. They were what I believed, and believed rather strongly. I also said that if I wanted to say something, I would say it.

Things went pretty smoothly for a time, though I always had the feeling that since the first "run in", the Board had me pegged as a troublemaker. The question was, how much trouble was I going to make?

During those two World Series years, we, the defectors from the Establishment, were sporting and social lepers in the A.C.B.'s eyes. Disapproved people, they called us. Not to be trusted. One official even went so far as to call a state cricket squad together to tell them not to associate with us. Officially, we did not exist.

The compromise came, of course, after two years of bitterness but I think it should go on record again that Kerry Packer want-

ed a compromise before a ball of W.S.C. had been bowled. The Board, proud almost to its last dollar, preferred to fight, a fight it was never going to win. In fact, in the final analysis, it won but it had to lose to do it.

The compromise saw many changes. All of a sudden cricket was being covered by a score of television cameras instead of three. A marketing company was set-up. I started to see the faces of cricketers on T-shirts, caps, plates, towels. The game was being promoted at a furious rate on the Nine Network. God knows at what cost! Certainly, the Board could never have afforded to "buy" the television time. Night cricket, coloured gear, white balls, three international sides touring each summer...yes, it was a whole new ball game. The Board's tired old face had been remodelled and it was still in charge of the game it had come so perilously close to losing.

Never has the Board had it so sweet. By the time the ten years are up, the A.C.B. will be so locked into the P.B.L./Channel Nine marketing

extravaganza, it will be impossible to sever the ties. And so it should be. Reservations to the "bad old days" could only harm the game and its players.

Only time will tell, but there is no doubt in my mind that at one stage, the Board was counting the summers. I overheard one A.C.B. member (and he must remain nameless) say "In seven years, everything will be back to normal."

I wonder. I really wonder. I think this marriage will survive long beyond the ten-year deal. Perhaps not everyone is happy but the overall concept is certainly working. And isn't that the important thing?

I think the Board has also made another startling discovery: today is the day of big business—and that's exactly what cricket has become. It is a multi-million dollar industry and must be run accordingly. By its very nature, the Board was never equipped to do so. It was hamstrung by its own structure. It was cumbersome and decision took too long.

It was all very well years ago when there were months between tours. A great time to lie back and relax, but not so good for the future of cricket.

Even in those days, decisions took too long. The very constitution and construction of the Board has been and is, at times, archaic. The A.C.B. has 14 representatives, three each from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia, two apiece from Queensland and Western Australia and one member from Tasmania. These men meet on a few occasions each year to decide a whole host of issues, but fundamentally, they run the game of cricket.

Now, how in the devil can a decision be made quickly with a structure of that nature?

The Board might claim that it now has an executive director but he is really only the servant of the Board—therefore, the servant of the various associations. And while it might hurt him to hear it and read it in print, he has no power at all. Or that's how it's supposed to work.

I think the present Board Chairman, Fred Bennett, is seeing the need for change. In fairness, things have clipped along at a better rate since he took over, but even now, Fred needs 48 hours to have a "ring around" when something crops up.

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IMMORTAL QUOTE OF A CRICKET

HEDLEY Verity is one of cricket's legends. He was one of those

Test encounter at Trent Bridge. But Hedley Verity single-handedly destroyed them – including the great Don – on a sticky at Lord's and pi-

Bowes, came into attack at one for 122 and was immediately hit for three spanking off-side fours by the aggressive Bradman who appeared

"He is a master craftsman on a sticky"

By Prof. Shankar Acharya

unobtrusive bowlers, with something dainty in his action, which never hurried or expressed explosive releases of aggressive energy

Verity survives comparison with the greatest exponents of his craft. Maybe on good pitches his bowling didn't put the questions to batsmen which they had to answer when faced with the curving, hovering heights of Rhodes or Blythe. On his day, however, Verity was irresistible, as at Lord's on June 25, 1934...

It is indeed a tragedy that Verity's glorious career was cut short when he died from wounds received in action with his regiment in Italy in July, 1943 during World War II. Verity's tragic and premature death was deeply mourned by cricket followers all over the world.

Hedley Verity was one of the most famous cricketing sons of Yorkshire. He was only 38-year-old by English standards – and could have played until he was at least 45.

In 40 Tests – from 1931 to 1939 – Verity took 144 wickets at 24.37 making 669 runs at an average of 20.90. He was 25 when he played his first full season – a year later, in 1931, he was representing Yorkshire, against the touring New Zealanders

On his 26th birthday, he took 10 for 36 against Warwickshire at Headingley. He once took 10 for 10 for Yorkshire against Notts at Leeds in 1932.

In first class cricket, Verity took 1,956 wickets at 14.87 averaging 180 wickets in his nine English summers. In consecutive summers of 1935, 1936 and 1937, he took 200 wickets. "Ironically, 1934, when he routed the Australians at Lord's, was his worst season, during which he took only 150 wickets at 17.63."

What Verity performed on that fateful day at Lord's was nothing short of a miracle.

The Australians came to Lord's bubbling with supreme confidence, since they had won the first

loted England to their first victory at the same ground since 1896.

England, having won the toss, piled up 440 runs. Maurice Leyland scored a glorious century (109) supported by Ames (120) and C.F. Walters (82). Tim Wall bowled steadily to capture four for 108 and Chipperfield, having a couple of tricks up his sleeve, took three for 91. It was indeed surprising that Grimmett and O'Reilly could capture only a solitary wicket between them after conceding 172 runs.

The wicket was playing beautifully and Australia reached a comfortable two for 192 at stumps on the second day. The Test was obviously heading for a draw

"Verity, who early in the game missed Woodfull at third slip off Bill

determined to hit the Yorkshire left-arm out of the attack."

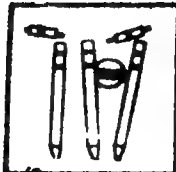
Woodfull (22) left at 68 but Brown and Bradman attacked mercilessly and put on 73 glorious runs in only 45 minutes, before Verity caught Bradman in two minds and accepted an easy return catch Australia two for 141; Bradman 36

After Bradman's exit, Brown and McCabe progressed steadily. Brown playing in his second Test, displayed outstanding qualities as a fighter and reached a well-compiled century in only 163 minutes

England had a serious problem with their bowlers. Barner was limping, Hammond's back was troubling him, Geary had a knee strain and England was already a team of corks.



Hedley Verity...his performance was something unheard of in Test cricket



IMMORTAL QUOTES OF CRICKET

But heavy rain over the weekend changed the fortunes of the match. The Australians, not used to playing on a soft turning wicket, lost 18 wickets on Monday including 14 to Verity, tumbling to humiliation of an innings and 38 runs defeat.

It was indeed a difficult day for the Australians and they too had anticipated it very well when an immediate appeal came against the poor light at 11 a.m. Returning 20 minutes later, McCabe received an unplayable lifter from Verity, which pitched on leg stump, spun sharply across his body, caught the edge and flew straight to Hammond at second slip, who grabbed the ball eagerly.

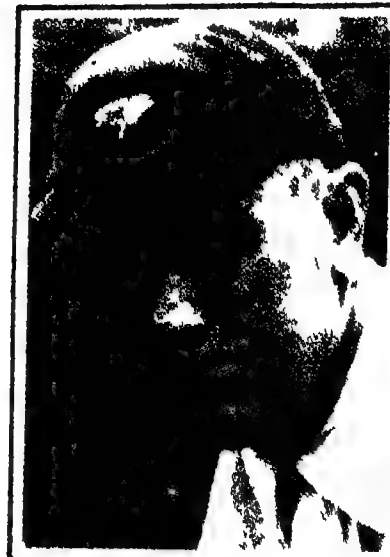
Some stout rearguard efforts from Chipperfield (37 not out) and Oldfield (23) failed to prevent the Aussies slumping from two for 203 to 284 all out.

Verity bowled 36 overs, 15 maidens and took seven for 61. The



Hedley Verity single handedly destroyed Australia

grinning Wyatt immediately enforced the follow on and Verity again bowled like a champion. The England captain employed ultra-attacking fields for Verity, three slips and two short legs with no outfield.



Wilfred Rhodes overjoyed to witness Verity better his record, he exclaimed 'He is a master craftsman on sticky'

Verity was outstanding. Better left hand bowling on a sticky wicket has seldom been seen. Verity was rather faster than most of his type and therefore was not easy to get at.

After the tea interval, Verity bowled like a master. The sun was shining brightly and it made the ball jump and skid like a naughty child and had all the Australians in trouble.

Bradman attempted a lofted drive into the unmanned outfield, got the top edge and offered one of the easiest of catches. Brown was caught by Walters off Bowles for two and after Bradman's departure, the Australians were bundled out in less than two hours.

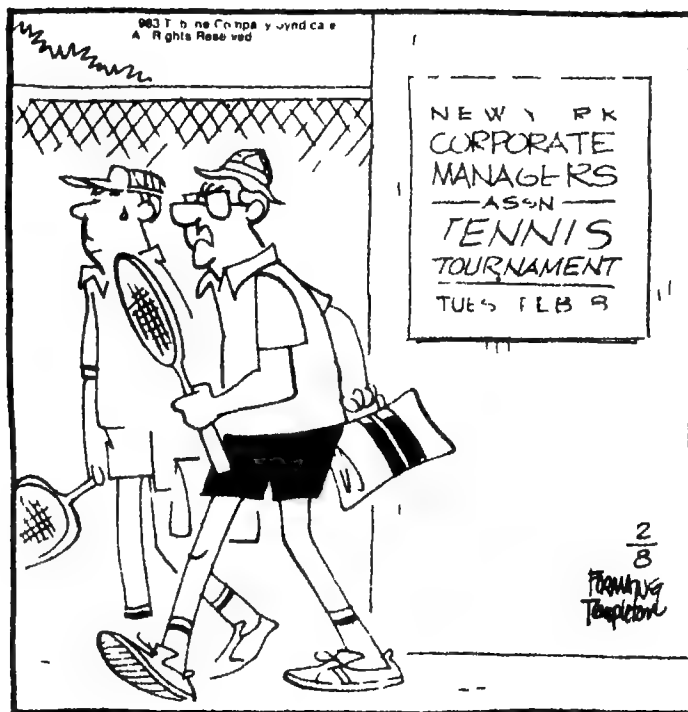
The English catching was superb. The 45 year old Hendren took an amazing catch to dismiss McCabe after the Australian executed a full-blooded drive at Verity. Only Woodfull (43) and Chipperfield (14) offered resistance.

With his full record for the match being 15 for 104 (eight for 43 in the second innings), Verity excelled Rhodes' performance at Melbourne in 1904 and incidentally Rhodes himself was present to witness Verity's wonderful performance.

Bradman himself could never claim to have completely fathomed Verity's strategy for it was never static or mechanical. Verity took 14 wickets in a day which was something unheard of in Test cricket.

Wilfred Rhodes was overjoyed and proclaimed rotundly: 'He is a master craftsman on sticky.'

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I DON'T MIND LOSING, BUT I HATE LOSING TO SOMEONE FROM AN OVER-THE-COUNTER COMPANY!

THE GREAT MATCHES

David Hughes —the hero of the longest day

By Christopher Hilton

IT WAS the longest day—a day which it seemed would never end.

What happened at Old Trafford that July day in 1971 when Lancashire played Gloucester in the semi-final of the Gillette Cup has passed into myth and legend.

And all from the most innocent ordinary of beginnings....

Gloucester won the toss and batted. There were 23,520 people in the ground, a vast, excitable mass of humanity who had come to see Lancashire get to the final.

Ron Nicholls and David Green put on 57 before Green was run out. Roger Knight made 31 and Mike Procter, one of the world's great all-rounders, a typical 65 with a six and nine fours.

But Lancashire were canny one-day cricketers then and they knew how to contain. Procter was caught at the wicket, and the innings drifted to 229 for six after 60 overs.

Despite losing an hour through rain at lunch time, it had all been, as say, ordinary. Just another innings.

Lancashire had the men to get the runs. David Lloyd opened with Barry Wood but, with the noise and the tension rising, they got bogged down.

Seventeen priceless overs were used up reaching the 50 and at 61 Lloyd was lbw.

Harry Pilling—small, neat, busy-loosened it up but at 136 both he and Wood had gone. It did not matter. Down the steps, into the early evening, came Clive Lloyd.

He could win it himself,

But John Mortimore was bowling now. He had played in nine Tests years before and was, as someone said, quite capable of creating havoc even among experienced batsmen with his off-breaks. He bowled Lloyd. •

Farokh Engineer was made for one-day cricket. He liked to hit the ball but as he made his way to the wicket—the noise increasing all the time—there was Mortimore, angular, cunning, waiting for him.

Engineer, hit wicket bowled Mortimore...two.

Worse, John Sullivan was bowled by Jack Davey. The middle had been torn out of the Lancashire

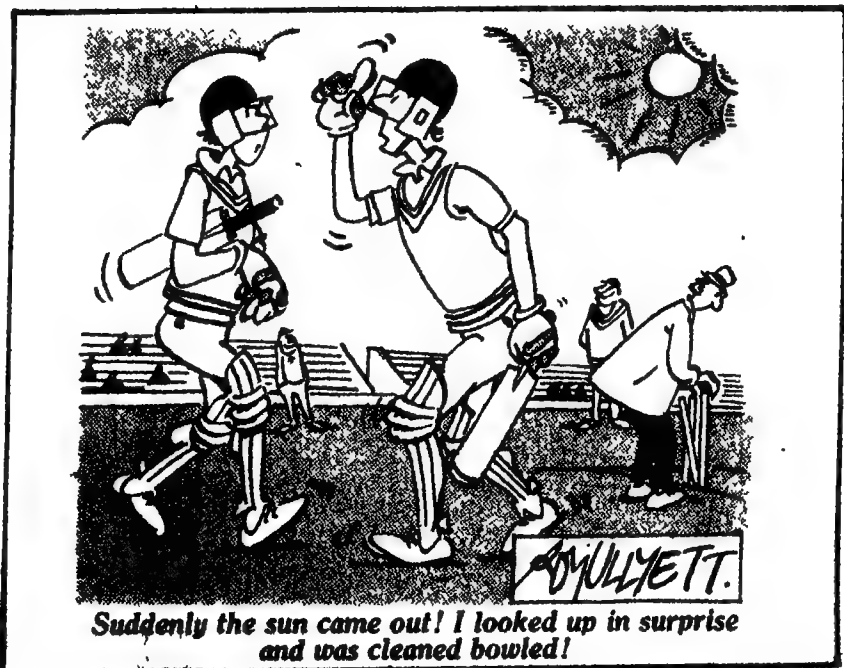
innings. Six wickets down for only 163.

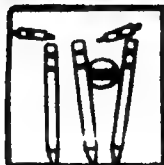
After 7.30 the light began to get worse and worse. The captain, Jack Bond, had arrived at the crease—and went straight into mythology.

"What," the story goes, "is that up there?" he asked of the umpire Arthur Jepson. And got the reply: "The moon. How much further do you want to see?"

Bond was now joined by Jack Simmons, a large man and a big hitter. The noise was so bad that Bond remembers "you almost had to stand toe to toe when talking to each other."

Immediately Procter, bowling at





a ferocious pace, unleashed an assault on Simmons. Twice the umpires conferred about the light

Simmons plundered an enormous six and Bond made one of cricket's great decisions—to play on. The crowd peered through the gloom, hardly able to see as far as the square

At 203, with 27 needed from the last six overs, Mortimore bowled Simmons

The pavilion lights were on. The lights were on at the Warwick Road station next to the ground—and they were so piercing that they gave an almost unreal atmosphere

David Hughes came in at No 9 and he and Bond added a couple. In these conditions Hughes knew that he could not hit the pace men—but Mortimore had one over left

He said to Bond, 'If I can see them I can hit them'



David Hughes... turned the tide of the match

Mortimore ran gently in to bowl. Hughes said, 'I picked up the first ball quite easily because with the arc it came over the heads of the crowd'

He took a step out and made a good-length ball into a half-volley. He struck it over extra-cover for four. A thousand small boys rushed onto the ground, melted back again

Hughes had decided to go out to every ball. He hit the second over long-on for six. Hysteria! Pandemonium! And all the boys on the ground again

He hit the third ball through extra-cover for two. Simmons, high up on the balcony, stood yelling for Hughes to calm himself down, go for singles. The words were lost in the noise

Hughes hit the fourth ball for two. The fifth ball was on the off stump and I played what I think was the best shot of the over through the covers for four

In came Mortimore for the last ball. Hughes went at it, got that lovely feeling at the instant of contact—and it went over long on for another six

And all the boys were on the ground again. Hughes shouted at them to go back

The scores were level

Procter to Bond. He survived the first four balls and, from the fifth, steered the ball wide of gully

They ran one and were engulfed by that mass of humanity streaming through the darkness across the ground towards the pavilion

It was ten minutes to nine

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I WARNED YOU ABOUT BUYING A RETRIEVER WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED NEXT TO A LUMBER YARD!

SCOREBOARD

GLOUCESTER

R. Nicol	b Simmons	53
D. Green	run out	21
R. Knight	c Simmons b Hughes	31
M. Procter	c Engineer b Lever	65
D. Shepherd	lbw Simmons	8
M. Bissex	not out	29
A. Brown	c Engineer b Sullivan	8
H. Jarman	not out	0
B 2 lb 4 w 1 nb 1		18

TOTAL (6 wkts) 229

Fall 57 87 113 150 201 210
Did not bat J. Mortimore B. Meyer J. Davey
Bowling Lever 12 3 40-1 Shuttleworth 12 3 330
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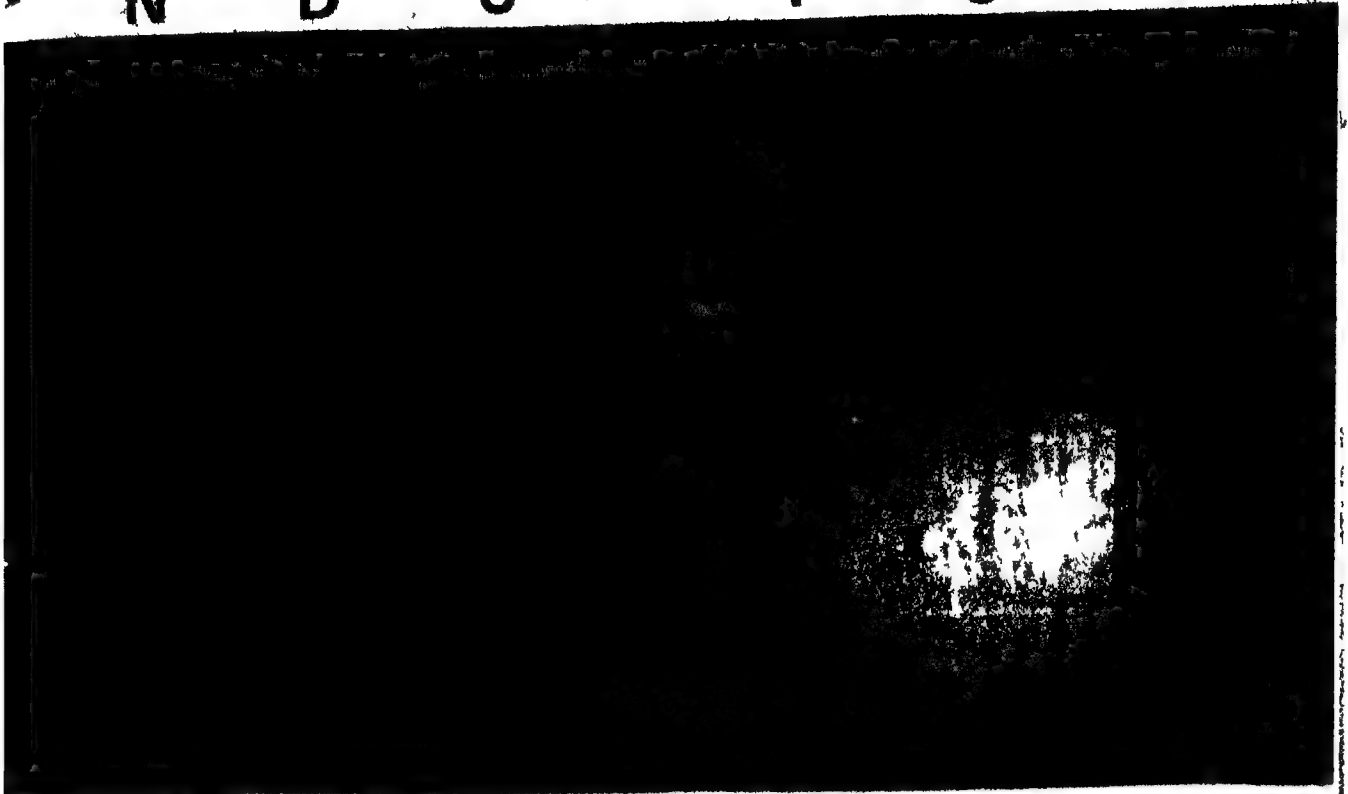
LANCASHIRE

D. Lloyd	lbw Brown	31
B. Wood	ro	50
H. Pilling	b Brown	21
C. Lloyd	b Mortimore	34
J. Sullivan	b Davey	10
F. Engineer	hit wkt b Mortimore	2
J. Bond	not out	16
J. Simmons	b Mortimore	25
D. Hughes	not out	28
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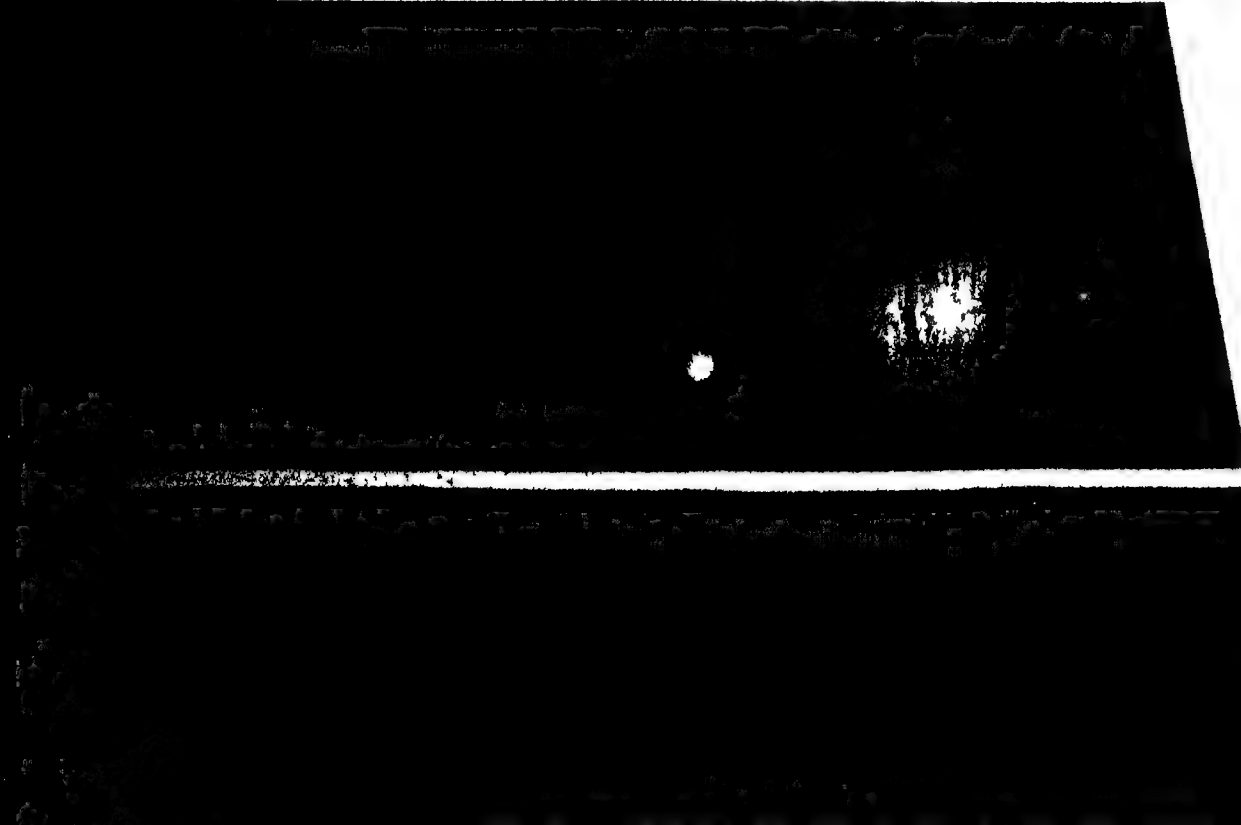
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Indu Puri

THERE ARE certain sportswomen or sportsmen who dominate their chosen sport with such a degree of excellence, such a definite level of superiority and class, that to say "they are the best" is not sufficient. These athletes are champions, and champions are very special.

Indu Puri is a champion



She dominates women's table tennis in India and has done so for the past six years. With a combination of hard work and dedication, style and class, she has today reached the position of untouchable excellence. To watch her play is to watch her live her life. It is to witness a woman of skill and character who, through complete concentration and commitment, has brought out the best from herself.

At the 46th Nationals held in Calcutta in February this year, Indu, at the age of 31, won the women's single crown for the eighth time, and sixth time running. She beat Vyoma Parekh, India's No. 2, with relative ease. Once again, Indu was champion. And once again, fans and opponents alike were marvelling at the magic which is Indu Puri.

Born in Calcutta on 14th September, 1953, Indu did not take to playing table tennis until she was 10 or 11. Her father, the late Amrit Lal Puri, was a manager of a jute mill and was also a competent club-level sportsman. He was the one who inspired Indu to work hard at table tennis.

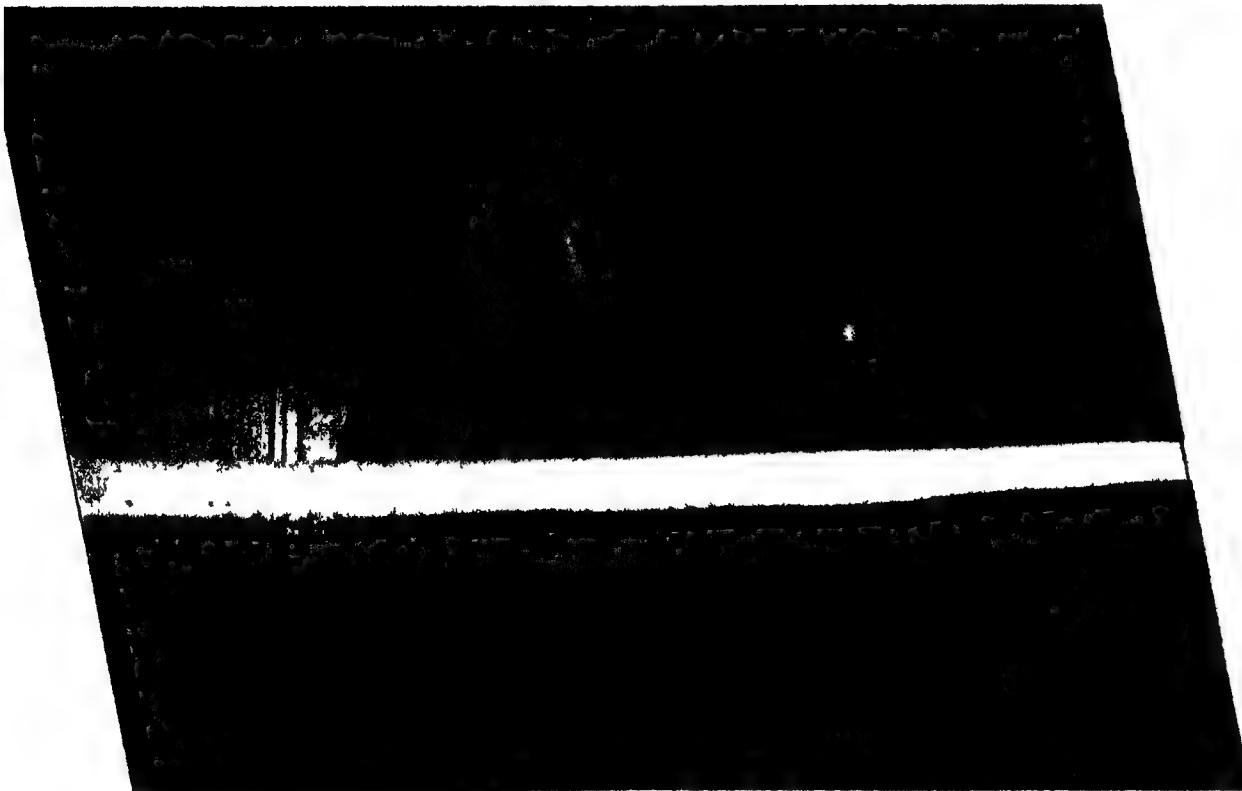
"Everyday after work my father would take me to the club and practice with me for at least an hour. It was he who taught me ball control. He had the patience to help me work on one shot day after day and he would make me hit again and again at one particular spot until my control was perfect. I owe everything

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to my father. He was the one true coach I ever had." Indu admits how lucky she was to have a club at the mill compound where she could play everyday. And once she began competing seriously, her rise was rapid. "In those days, there were no sub-junior Nationals, and I never played even in the Juniors. In '69, at the age of 16, I played in my first Nationals as a senior."

Living in the humid and hot atmosphere of Calcutta, Indu at an early age suffered from bronchitis. This problem, coupled with weak eyesight, made her seem an unlikely table tennis prospect. But she always had good reach, power, ball control, and very quick reflexes. And a tremendous desire to win. In '72, at the age of 19, Indu won her first National title at the championships held in Ahmedabad. She defeated her Bengal teammate, Rupa Mukherjee, in the final. After this initial victory, there was a gap until '75 when Indu again won the title.

By this time she had completed her B.A. from Loreto College and in the following year, joined the Railways in Calcutta. She had also completely dedicated herself to table tennis. ("I always managed to stand first in school, but when I joined college my father very wisely told me that I should do well in studies, but not worry about coming first, as I must practice hard to improve at table tennis.")



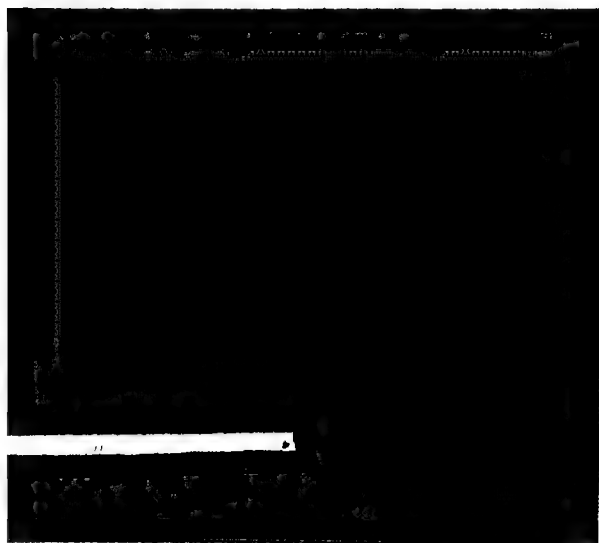
In '78, Indu made a very crucial decision, and shifted to Delhi. The dry climate of the capital suited her immediately, and her health improved. In '79, she was once again crowned champion and she has not lost in the Nationals since. "I don't want to make any excuses, but I have never lost a Nationals when I was in good health. Once I shifted to Delhi, my health immediately improved, and my lungs cleared up to a great extent. And, of course, since then, I have just gone on winning."

Indu Puri

In February of '81, Indu left the Railways and joined Union Bank, for whom she still plays. Along with veterans like Kashmira Patel, Indu heads a very strong team, and Union Bank won the women's team championship at the last Nationals.

At the international level, table tennis players are fortunate to play every two years against the best in the world at the World Championships. With the exception of badminton, where the competing nations are much fewer than in table tennis, no other India sport has such constant exposure to the highest level of competition (Cricket and hockey, of course, are also exceptions. But in these two sports, India ranks among the top five in the world. In table tennis, the India players get to compete in the World Championships in spite of a relatively low international standing.)

Indu first represented India at the World Championship in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in '73. At that time, the Worlds and the Commonwealth Championships, also held every two years, basically made up the international calendar for Indian players. From '80 onwards, with the Delhi Asiad in sight, more and more international events were scheduled, with as many as six in one year, mostly on the Asian circuit. This trend continues till today and is a very healthy one for Indian table tennis, culminating in the men's team finishing 12th in the '85 World Championship held at Gothenburg, Sweden.



Indu has competed in seven World Championships, with the highlight being promotion to Category I at the '79 Worlds in Pyongyang, North Korea. (The first 16 teams in the world are kept in Category I. The top two teams from Category II are promoted at the end of each Worlds, and the bottom two of Category I are demoted. In '79 the Indian team, led by Indu and with support from Nandini Kulkarni and Shailaja Salokhe, topped Category II.)

Unfortunately, in '81 the team slipped back to Category II, and finished as low as 26th in '83. In '85, with Indu and Vyoma Parekh in top form, the team came back upto 19th place.

At the Commonwealth level, without China, Japan, the two Koreas, and the East Europeans to compete against, Indu has always done well, and was ranked 2nd in '81. On the Asian circuit, however, all the best teams, minus the Europeans, compete and India does well to finish 5th, as she did at the Asiad in '82. That





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same year Indu was ranked 8th at the Asian Championships in Jakarta. As Indu says, "The Asian circuit is very tough, but we are fortunate to play against the best in the world."

Indu's greatest moment of glory came in '78 at the Asian Championships in Kuala Lumpur. There she defeated the reigning World Champion, Pak Yung Sun of North Korea. "All the pen-holder players are weak on the backhand, as they have to play it almost inside-out. So I just kept attacking her backhand and she became flustered. I had nothing to lose, and all my shots were going in. And I won."

A chance win, perhaps, but it shows that Indu on her day is a player of true international calibre. She herself is very honest about her standard. "In the World Championships, we are lucky to get beyond the first round, as the other players are just too good. It all depends on the draw. The best I did was to come into the last 32."

What makes the Chinese and Korean women so good? Table tennis is a game of quickness, with speed being more important than power. And the power generated on the ball comes more from racket speed rather than muscle strength. The Chinese, as also the Koreans and Japanese, are short, light, and yet finely and strongly muscled. Thus their reflexes are amazingly quick, and their feet and hands are immediately in position to play the ball. Indian players may have the shots, but the reflexes are lacking.



Of course, the inherent physical abilities of the Chinese players alone do not produce champions. As Indu says, "Young players in China are picked up from the age of five or six, and are given intensive training in gymnastics and athletics before they specialize in table tennis. This training at such a young age gives them that quickness and agility which is so important for table tennis."

The comparison with Indu's beginnings as a table tennis player is the age-old story of Indian athletes who have had to battle against a complete lack of proper training and coaching. Indu received coaching only from her father, began serious competition only at the age of 16, never played at the junior level and only began systematic training in '80 at the age of 27!

In '80, Korean coaches were brought to India to train us for the Asiad. We were to compete in the Asian Games for the first time in '82, and the Federation wanted us to do well. When the coaches arrived,

Indu Puri

they wanted us to do skipping. I didn't even know how to do this! And I was the National champion. For me, training only meant playing."

Of course, Indu immediately realized the value of training, and today is very dedicated to fitness. She does stretching and agility exercises, running, and shadow-playing. She has also done weights to develop wrist, forearm, shoulder, and legs. Now approaching 32, she is as fit and powerful as ever.



Kashmira Patel, herself a ranking singles player and a competitor at the Nationals since '70, says, "Indu wins because she has class in whatever she does, be it practice or competition. She has complete dedication and concentration to the game. She is just on a higher plane and we all know it."

The strengths of Indu's game are her power, reach, and ball control. And her desire to always attack. This combination of precision and power in attack is unbeatable. The weakness in Indu's game is her lack of movement. As Kashmira says, "If you can get Indu to move from side to side, then you have a chance against her, because she does not move quickly, especially towards the net. But to get her to move is so difficult, because with her reach and the fact that both her forehand and backhand are equally strong, Indu can dominate a game and hardly move at all."

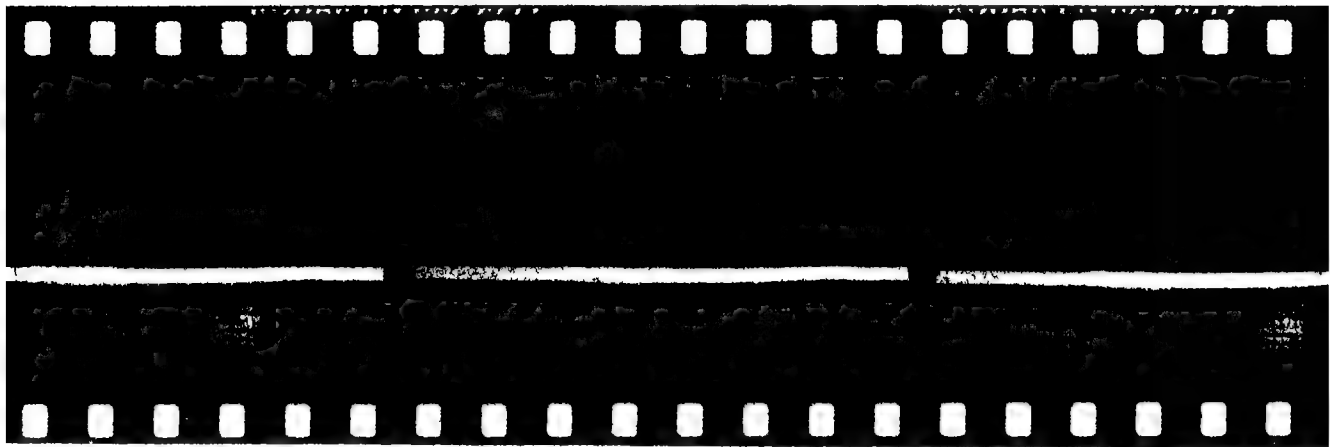
Indu away from the table can be very deceiving. Physically, she does not look a perfect athlete, being slightly knock-kneed and stoop-shouldered. And, of course, there are the famous glasses, which give Indu a serious, studious air. She hardly seems to possess a "killer instinct", and her gentle voice and quiet smile are absolutely charming.

But, as she warms up her match with quick bouts of shuffling and shadow-play, you can see how serious Indu is about her game. And once the match starts, the champion in Indu Puri comes out. The strength in arms and shoulders, the concentration on the face, the slight stoop over the table; her opponent serves, and almost contemptuously Indu whips the ball back.

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The shot is so sudden, powerful, and precise that the opponent either hits the ball out or puts up a gentle return. If the return should come high on Indu's forehand, then the point is as good as over. For Indu's forehand smash is a flat swat which sends the ball in a blur to opponent's edge of the table. The particular shot is so devastating, so fast and powerful and well directed, that Indu appears almost merciless in playing it. But she doesn't hesitate. She just keeps on attacking.

If the ball comes lower on Indu's forehand or backhand, she employs a side-spin push which comes fast and low over the net, and is always, like her smash, deep on the opponent's side of the table. Her accuracy is uncanny. She will pick up a full-blooded smash and nonchalantly return it to the far corner of the table, away from the opponent who is still out of position and just is completing her follow-through. And this attack never lets up. Once Indu's game is in high gear, she just keeps on going.

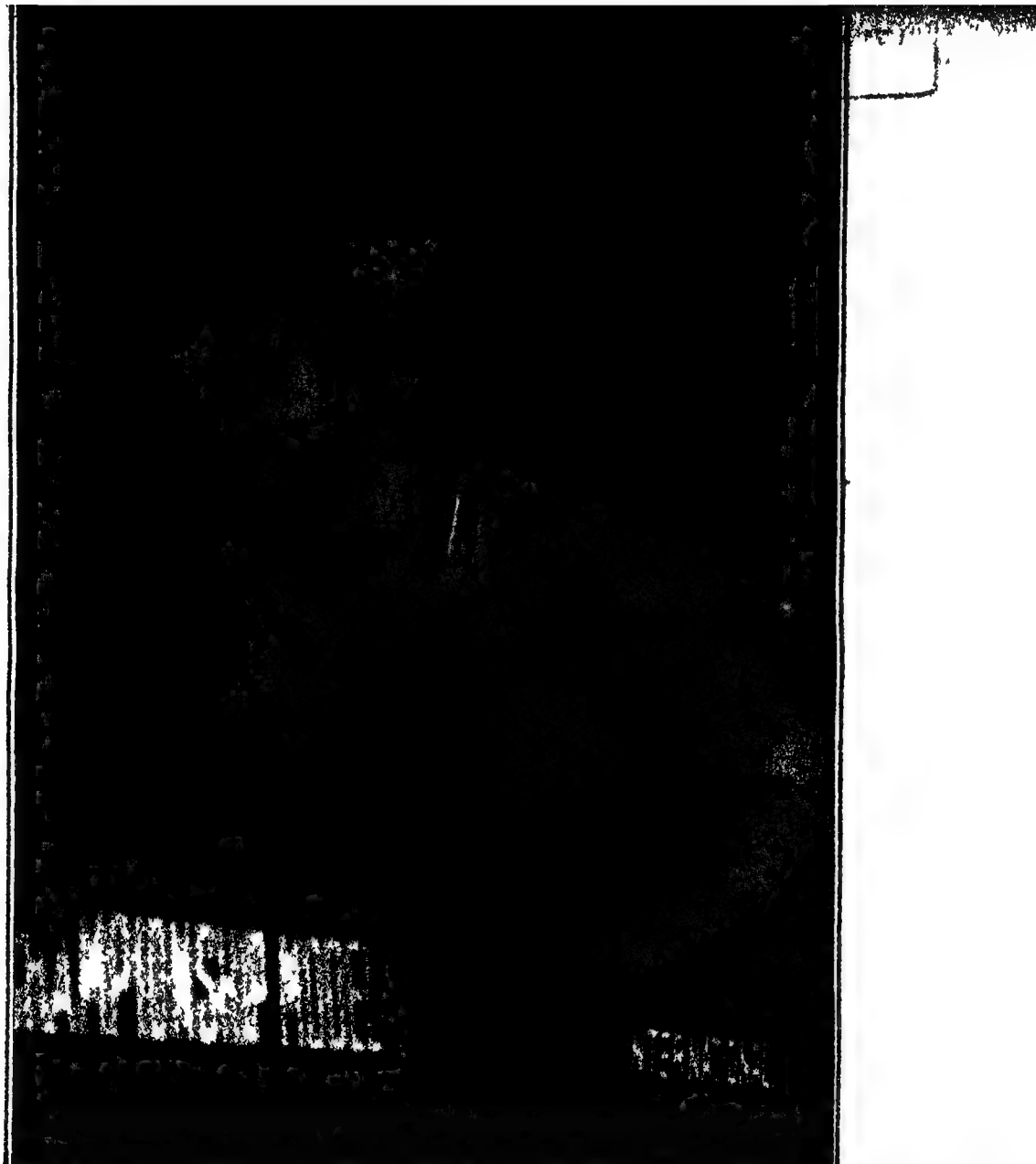


In the Bandra Gymkhana tournament held in Bombay at the end of April this year, Indu met Nandini Kulkarni. It was a hot, humid evening for the final, but the weather did not slow down Indu at all. She attacked fiercely from the first ball, and put on such a brilliant display of precise and controlled aggression that the match was over in less than 20 minutes. On that particular night, even a player of Nandini's class did not stand a chance.

I like to be slightly tired before a match. It makes me more determined and aggressive, Indu said after the match. She also has a good-luck yellow T-shirt which she likes to wear. So if she is tired, and wearing that yellow T-shirt, then her opponent is in for trouble!

Indu has a younger brother and sister, but neither of them play table tennis. Indu's mother takes a great interest in Indu's game, and tries to attend as many matches as possible. With the passing away of her father, Indu lost a true guide and friend. Indu gives all credit to him for making her into a table tennis champion. For she has never had another true coach in her career.

Indu's reign at the top is truly amazing. Since her first National title in '72, she has won eight National titles in the past 13 years. Other great players have come and gone — Rupa Mukherjee, Usha Sunderaj, Kaity Chergeman, Shailaja and Salokhe, to name a few. Shailaja who still plays, has always been a tough fight for Indu. With Shailaja and Indu in top form at the end of the 70's, women's table tennis in India was of a very high standard. Of the present players, Vyoma Parekh has faced Indu in the last two National finals.



and has given Indu a fight but is still definitely No 2 Of the younger players Indu points out Niyoti Roy as a player with real promise But even in 85 women's table tennis in India is still Indu Puri

The big question is of course the future Will Indu continue to play at the national and international level? There is no question that if she wants to she can dominate for several years to come

Indu says As long as I am enjoying the game I will keep on playing I love table tennis I have given my life to it I want to leave the game at the top and I want to leave the game still loving it Right now there is tension for me the tension of concentrating so hard match after match and tournament after tournament This tension does affect me especially at the Nationals So let's see how I feel Then I'll make a final decision

One can appreciate and sympathise with Indu's feelings, for she is a very honest person, and she has given her life to table tennis as no other Indian woman ever has If she feels that she has had enough

then her decision will be the correct one If she retires she will retire right at the top, and with the respect and love of players and public alike

Indu has no particular favourite table tennis player whom she has tried to copy or who has inspired her But Indu is a great admirer of Amr Ghia She says Amr is a champion as a player and as a person That is rare combination And that is why Amr is the Indian sportswoman that I admire the most Indu could have been saying these words about herself For she, too, is a champion, both at the table and away from it During her long reign, it has been this class of character which has sustained Indu As Anita Sood, another champion of Indian sports, says Indu is the greatest sportswoman in India

Praise from fellow athletes is not to be taken lightly Indu Puri in 16 years of table tennis, has earned the praise of fellow athletes and press and public alike, enough praise to last her a lifetime If she retires now, everyone will miss her, but everyone will know that they have seen a champion

Indu Puri, champion

A temperamental but brilliant Pole



WITH TWO insipid shows which resulted in two draws against Italy and Cameroon Poland's chances of qualifying for the

second round of the 1982 World Cup in Spain looked really bleak until they met Peru.

In that last game of the first round against the South Americans no minnows by any yardstick Poland seemed to be surpassing their own abilities and at the end of the game the score board read Poland 5 Peru 1.

The margin appeared to be a bit flattering considering that it was Peru who pulled all the strings during the goalless first half but in the second Antoni Piechniczek's boys particularly Wladyslaw Zmuda Wlodzimierz Ciolek Andrzej Burcol Wlodzimierz Smolarek Grzegorz Lato and Zbigniew Boniek finally found their rhythm and simply

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tore apart the Peru defence to hit five goals in a flat out assault period lasting 21 minutes.

Everyone now took serious notice of Poland and some even hinted they could even make it to the finals if their Zbigniew Boniek played the way he did against Peru. They were not exaggerating as in that game Boniek was unstoppable scoring the third goal and setting up the second fourth and fifth.

The temperamental but brilliant Pole went a step further in the first game of the second round against Belgium on June 28. Playing further up than his usual position of a deep lying wing half he developed quick understanding with Lato and the two fashioned a goal of rare quality as early as in the fourth minute.

This one performance of Zbigniew Boniek clearly set him apart from the other Polish players and the next game against the USSR a draw again underlined his quality as a top level performer.

Three points from two games and a better goal average saw Poland through to the semi-final where an Italian side on the ascendency were eagerly awaiting them.

By Debabrata Chowdhury

But then Poland needed him most. Boniek was unavailable having already collected two yellow cards. In his absence Italy found little trouble to emerge winners by two goals to nil.

This was not unexpected as without Boniek in the team Poland looked an ordinary side and they gave vent to their frustration by resorting to some silly fouls. But the Italian, perhaps realising the glory it did not keep their cool for once.

Boniek came back in the team in the third place play off match against France and his very presence was enough for the Poles to regain their morale and beat a Platini-led France with all the ease in the world.

So Poland who were tipped to get a berth in the second round at the most finished third in Spain a feat they had earlier achieved in the 1974 World Cup and it was possible only because of the superlative performance of the red haired Zbigniew Boniek.

Eulogising his performance Eric Batty wrote: Zbigniew Boniek is Poland's equivalent of Michel Platini and quite the most popular player in his country. He does it all from midfield working, organising, launching attacks with his penetrative passes and also chips in with vital goals himself. He can be deadly with free kicks but he also hits really good swinging swerving shots from long range. Some of them go straight in while others are pushed away by opposing goalkeepers to be picked up by his teammates and converted into goals.

Antoni Piechniczek, the Polish manager agreed. He said: I believe Boniek loses very little in comparison with Paul Breitner as a midfield general. A Polish team without Boniek is almost unthinkable.

And Piechniczek it was who played a leading role in paving the way for Boniek to play in Spain by impressing upon Polski Związek Piłki Nożnej (Polish Football Federation) to lift the ban on the player a year before the World Cup began.

The fracas which led to the suspension started at the Warsaw airport in early December 1980 when



Boniek, Poland's equivalent to France's Platini

the Polish team was to board a Rome bound plane en route to Malta to play their first game of the qualifying series.

Wladyslaw Zmuda tried to help the then manager Ryszard Kulesza pick his team. The discussion ended in an argument. What followed thereafter is not yet clearly known but the official version was that goalkeeper Jozef Mlynarczyk was drunk at the time and Kulesza ordered him to go back. Zmuda and Boniek refused to board the plane without Mlynarczyk and ultimately they had their way.

Once back home Kulesza reported the matter to the PZPN who promptly suspended the three players Mlynarczyk for two years and Boniek and Zmuda for eight months.

Kulesza himself however was dismissed soon and the new boss quickly realised that without the reinstatement of the three players in the team Poland had no chance to qualify from European Group 7 where the other contestants were East Germany and Malta.

Piechniczek took up the matter with the PZPN who saw his point of view and lifted the ban on the three players. Thanks to a all win record Poland qualified and Boniek's role

in achieving the target was only slightly less dazzling than the one he would play in Spain.

Born in Bydgoszcz on March 3, 1956, Boniek took to football as a duck to water. His father, a former footballer, was quick to realise the child's potential and he wanted Boniek to play for Polonia, the club for whom he himself once played.

But Boniek joined another local club, Zawisa, instead, when he was only 12 - early signs of his temperament! - and remained with them upto 1975 before signing for Widzew Lodz.

He was a stopper-back with Widzew in the beginning but with flair and imagination as his forte, he often played in the half-line or even as an attacker. Winning the first cap for Poland in 1976, he went to Argentina in 1978 where the team manager Jacek Gmoch did not use him much.

But even the limited opportunities he got showed his class and he was voted Polish Footballer of the Year for two successive seasons thereafter.

In 1979, he played brilliantly for Enzo Bearzot's World XI against Argentina (the match was organised to celebrate the anniversary of Argentina's 1978 triumph) and the same year he single-handedly knocked out Juventus from the UEFA Cup.

It was during the Widzew Lodz - Juventus meeting that the latter's president Giampiero Boniperti eyed Boniek keenly and decided to sign him at all costs.

But it was not easy. Besides Wlodzimierz Lubanski, no Polish player was allowed to join foreign clubs until they were at least 28 and the recent examples of Kazimierz Deyna, Andrej Szarmach and Grzegorz Lato playing for clubs in England, France and Belgium could be traced to the fact that all of them were beyond 30 when they were allowed to leave Poland.

Boniek himself was also not keen to play in Calcio. Neither he was interested to play for the English clubs Aston Villa and Manchester United who showed their eagerness to have him. His own preference was the German league or Bundesliga, as it is generally known. He said: "My dream is to play in West Germany - to be the first Polish player in the Bundesliga. I love the West German style."

Juventus, however, spared no effort to sign Boniek. They used all the diplomatic and business channels open through the office of Pope John Paul and the links of Fiat



(Italy) with Polski-Fiat in Poland.

In the end, the Polish Government at high level were involved. Their troubled economy could not refuse the hard currency the transfer would generate and they were also afraid that a temperamental player as he was, Boniek might go the way of one of those renegades.

Finally, the PZPN, with clearance from the government decided that Boniek, being an exceptional player, his case deserved exceptional treatment. So, they allowed him to leave for Italy and the deal between Widzew and Juventus was fixed at £1.2 million. This was the biggest ever transfer fees involving a player from a Eastern Bloc country.

The deal settled, Boniek arrived in Turin on July 20, 1982, with his wife Viersia and five-year-old daughter Caroline, little imagining that his car would be vandalised within a short while by angry Juventus fans for his failing to deliver the goods.

The first season was indeed a nightmare for Boniek. In the very first game of the league against Sampdoria, Juventus lost by a goal and their coach Giovanni Trapattoni had Boniek substituted 18 minutes into the second half on the ground that the player was tired. But Boniek snapped back: "I wasn't tired." His temper got the better of him at times and besides being booked on six occasions, he was sent off in the home game against Verona.

Juventus now wondered whether they had done the right thing by signing the Pole and when Karl Heinz Rummenigge declared that he wanted Boniek at Bayern Munich, they felt more than happy. Boniek however said that if Juventus wanted to sell him he would go straight to Poland so that they won't get any transfer fees out of the deal.

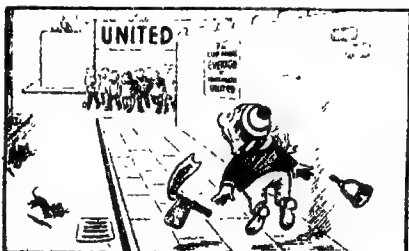
Everything however was forgotten when Bogiek scored one and fashioned two goals in the 5-2 aggregate win over Aston Villa in the Champions' Cup which however did not come to Juventus as Hamburg beat them by a goal in the final. Some consolation of sort came when Juventus won the World Superclub Cup with Boniek scoring once in the 2-1 win over Flamengo in the final game.

The next season of course was different as Juventus won the league championship and then within a few days, the Cup-Winners' Cup, beating FC Porto of Portugal 2-1 in the final. For Boniek this was a memorable game and it was he who got the winner shortly after the second half got under way.

Juventus have already won the European Super Cup beating Liverpool 2-0, both goals coming from Boniek. And as this is being written it will be Liverpool whom Juventus will meet again in the 1985 Champions' Cup final to be played at Heysel stadium, Brussels, on May 29.

Juventus, fired by Boniek and Platini went on to the final beating lives of Finland, Grasshoppers of Switzerland, Sparta Praha of Czechoslovakia and Bordeaux of France and it is assumed Giovanni Trapattoni's boys will leave no stone unturned to win the trophy which the club have not yet been able to lay their hands on. As Boniek once said: "Even if we finish at the bottom of the league but win the Champions' Cup we shall be happy."

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CAMILO GONSALVES

Man of the hour is still waiting



By Ajit Moyo

THE NATIONAL selectors acted wisely by including Camilo Gonsalves in the Indian Football team for the pre World cup tournament. They had ignored him for the Asia Cup tournament as well as for the Nehru Gold Cup International tournament.

Camilo could have easily walked in the Indian team for both the events particularly after having made a spectacular showing for Goa in the 40th National Football Championship at Madras.

The best forward at the Madras Nationals was however not considered good enough to be included in the National side by the Selectors and it was only towards the fag end of the season that they realised Camilo's potentials and his value to the Indian team.

And it was Camilo who netted India's match winner in the match against Bangladesh. Camilo has shown the selectors how good he is and how foolish they were in neglecting him earlier on.

Beyond doubt India needs a forward like Camilo especially when there is a paucity of good strikers. Camilo stands head and shoulder above many a forward who lacks shooting ability.

He has a knack to shoot from all angles and to get goals with a dashing approach to the game. Camilo has the speed to and his heading has also been effective enough to fetch the goals for his side. Strikers like Camilo are at a premium not only in Goa but perhaps in India too.

A few years ago Goa's Bernard Pereira and Albino Fernandes used to tease the leading Calcutta teams with their enterprising and dashing game and now it is Camilo's turn to cause them trouble. India requires strikers who are capable of scoring and not strikers who can only play an artistic game.

Camilo of Dempo Sports Club said that many have praised his efforts for the country in the pre World Cup matches. The match winner that he scored against Bangladesh gave him immense satisfaction and made him realise that he had a stronger defence than either Indonesia or Thailand. Camilo said.



Camilo Gonsalves the on and off Indian soccer star

When asked whether he felt that he had lost his form at any stage during the current season, Camilo said that he has been in good form throughout the season.

I was unlucky to get injured when Anthony Rebello tackled me hard in the First Division league

match against Salgaocar but I was happy with the win over them at Margao. The injury however took some time to heal and I had to miss three or four matches. So far I have never struggled to find my form and I could click well when I was selected to play for the country. I always go all out to score whether I play for my State team or for Dempo or for the country. I also don't spare any efforts when I play for my village team, said Camilo and added that he is never scared of getting injured.

Regarding the offers from the leading outstation teams, Camilo said that however lucrative the offer may be, he is never going to accept it. I love to play for Goa and I am proud of being a member of Dempo Sports Club. I was disappointed when Goa lost 0-3 to Services in the recent Nationals and failed to reach the last four stage. We were right on top at Madras. Last year but one should also bear in mind that this time Goa was without the services of some of the key players. Punjab on the other hand were at full strength and deserved to win this time. They are truly a force to reckon with in National Football. JCT are currently doing Punjab proud by winning some of the major tournaments, Camilo said.

Talking about himself, Camilo said that he has been able to improve his game every season with the experience that he has been gaining.

Right now I am very happy to have regained my place in the Indian team. This side is certainly capable of doing well. Tarun Dey has been very impressive in defence and the half line is also good with Maurice Afonso doing a fine job. My only intention is to play well for the country and to see as many victories come our way. I want to be part of the victorious Indian team.



The joy that is too hard to write about but the expression on the faces of East Bengal captain Balai Mukherjee (right) and Sudip Chatterjee is a wonder to behold. E.B. had beaten Mohan Bagan by a solitary extra-time goal in the final played at Bangalore last week.



The man of the final, Monoranjan Bhattacharya of East Bengal with the Governor of Karnataka, A. Banerjee



Satyajit Ghosh of Mohun Bagan gets the better of Jamshed Nassiri of East Bengal. Jamshed scored the all-important goal in the first half of extra-time.



Babu Mani of Mohun Bagan races ahead of East Bengal defender Aloke but the Bagan striker misses the sitter.



Bagan 'keeper Jagdish Ghosh leaps to collect before Debasish Roy can cause aamage.



Monoranjan (grounded) has thwarted Babu Mani

FRANZ BECKENBAUER



Guiding Germany to success

By Michael Swanson



Franz Beckenbauer... possesses a natural authority when it comes to explaining strategy to his players

FRANZ Beckenbauer has effectively guided West Germany to a berth in next year's World Cup finals in Mexico, silencing those critics who had questioned his ability to coach.

Since taking charge of the national team last summer, Beckenbauer, 39, has instilled a new sense of confidence into a squad dispirited by the lack of success under the previous coach, Jupp Derwall.

West Germany have won six of their eight games under Beckenbauer's tutelage, scoring a total of 15 goals in their last three appearances. Their 5-1 win over Czechoslovakia in a World Cup qualifying match in Prague on April 30 was one of the most stylish performances by a German team for many years.

Beckenbauer saw Czechoslovakia in action four times before the game against West Germany. He showed his players videos of the matches and pointed out to them the weaknesses in the Czech game. The homework paid dividends. The Germans dominated possession, creating one movement after the next and seldom allowing the Czechs to get close to goal.

Beckenbauer has drawn on his experience with Bayern Munich to transform his players into match-winners by applying the good old German values of discipline and hard work. Instead of relying on an individual to take control and orchestrate the game, he emphasizes teamwork and tactics.

"The players respect Franz," says Beckenbauer's assistant, Horst Koepfel. "They don't want to disappoint him."

Behind Beckenbauer's youthful good looks there is the iron will of a perfectionist who played a record 103 times for West Germany, and who demands total commitment from his players.

"There's no messing around with him," says goalkeeper Toni Schumacher, who was once given a dressing down by Beckenbauer for engaging in a slanging match with journalists.

For the younger players in the national squad, Beckenbauer is still an

idol, a football superstar equal in stature to the legendary Pele "He has the uncanny ability to be one of the boys and at the same exert authority," according to defender Karl-Heinz Foerster

Beckenbauer says it was "the challenge" that prompted him to accept the offer to take charge of the West German team when he had never coached before in his life. After returning from the United States, where he played for New York Cosmos, he had a brief spell with SV Hamburg before retiring in 1982 to take up promotional work.

Because he did not—and still does not—possess a coaching licence, Beckenbauer was given the title of technical director. The Germans refer to him simply as "teamchef" or team chief.

In their first game under his charge, West Germany were savaged 3-1 by an Argentine side composed largely of reservists and unknown players. Critics soon began to take digs, accusing him of having no concept, poor team selection and lack of motivation. Among those who doubted his ability were his former trainer at Bayern Munich, Udo Lattek, and Paul Breitner, a long-time clubmate.

But West Germany soon got on the winning trail, defeating Sweden 2-0 in a match that proved a memorable debut for Uwe Rahn, of Borussia Moenchengladbach, who scored seconds after coming on as a substitute. Rahn now plays a pivotal role in midfield along with Hamburg veteran Felix Magath and Lothar Matthaeus of Bayern Munich.

Beckenbauer has introduced other newcomers into his selection and brought back some old timers to produce a fine blend of young talent and experience. Another bonus has been the return to form of winger Pierre Littbarski, who was discarded by Derwall after he insisted on playing him out of position.



Two football superstars... West German national team coach Franz Beckenbauer (right) with his star striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

Recalled by Beckenbauer to his old position on the right wing, Littbarski has found his goal-scoring touch again and frequently sets up scoring chances for other players.

The new coach is characteristically modest when asked the secret of his success. "Oh, I don't know," he says. "I've got a squad of

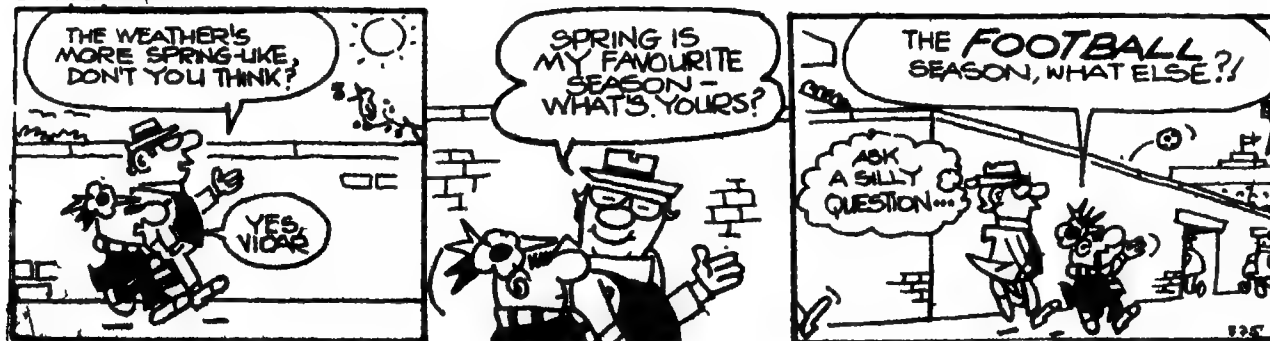
16, all of whom I can use with no problem."

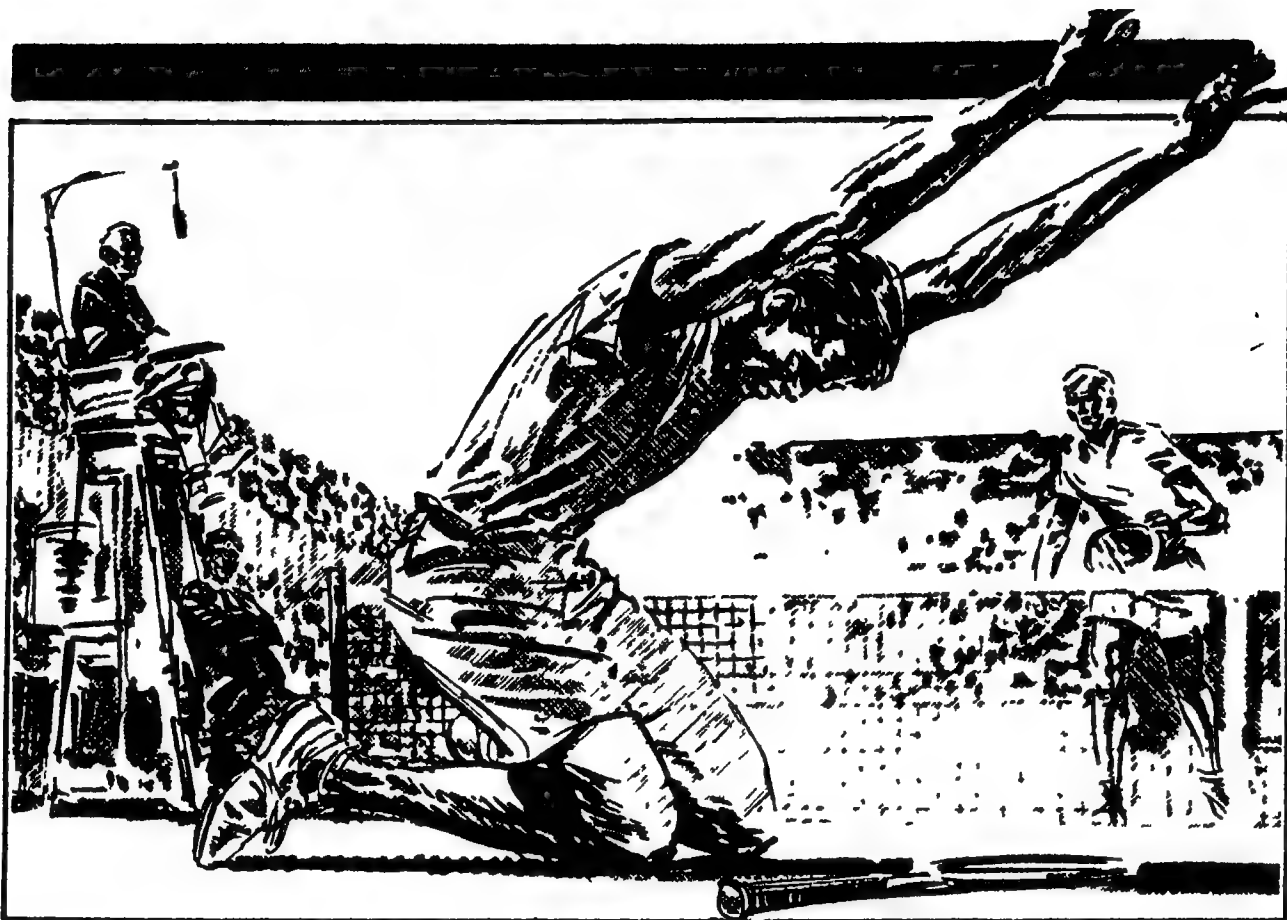
After West Germany's latest victory over Czechoslovakia, the mass-circulation "Bild" newspaper crowed "We're world class once more."

Few people would disagree with that assessment.

FANatic

by Marcus





They called him the Praying Mantis

When Wimbledon booed the tired Yankee

In normal circumstances nothing delights Wimbledon's Centre Court more than to see a struggling tennis star get up from the floor and fight back to win the championship. No fans are so swayed by sentiment so sympathetic for a player battling against adversity.

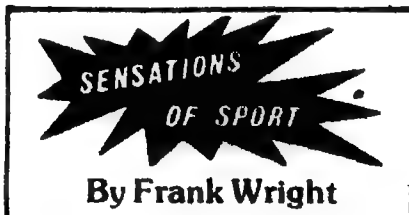
The dramatic men's singles final of 1948 provided the exception.

On this warm July afternoon the 15,000 spectators in shirt sleeves and summer dresses were wholly out of sympathy with the Californian giant who lay stretched out on the brown patched green quilt.

A few booed the prostrate figure most remembered their Centre Court etiquette and only softly muttered their disapproval. If there was any sympathy it was reserved for the popular Australian who was waiting patiently for his rival to get up and resume the match.

LACKED STAMINA

The unpopular American was shock finalist, big serving Biob Fal-



kenburg, 6ft 3in tall brother of the glamorous Hollywood film star Jinx Falkenburg.

The Australian, 29-year-old Davis Cup star John Bromwich, master of court craft and one of the greatest exponents of doubles play.

Both men were playing in their first Wimbledon singles final.

Falkenburg, at 22, had youth on his side and yet he was sadly lacking in stamina. He found it impossible to conserve his energy over a long match, so he had developed a habit of throwing away sets to give himself a breather.

Frequently he lay down on the court to snatch a rest after exhausting rallies.

FAST AND SLOW

Without the lasting powers for his fine all court game, he would put everything into his towering cannonball serves and grab points as swiftly as he could with sharp volleys. His lightning thrusts interspersed with go-slow tactics did not make him the most attractive of players to watch.

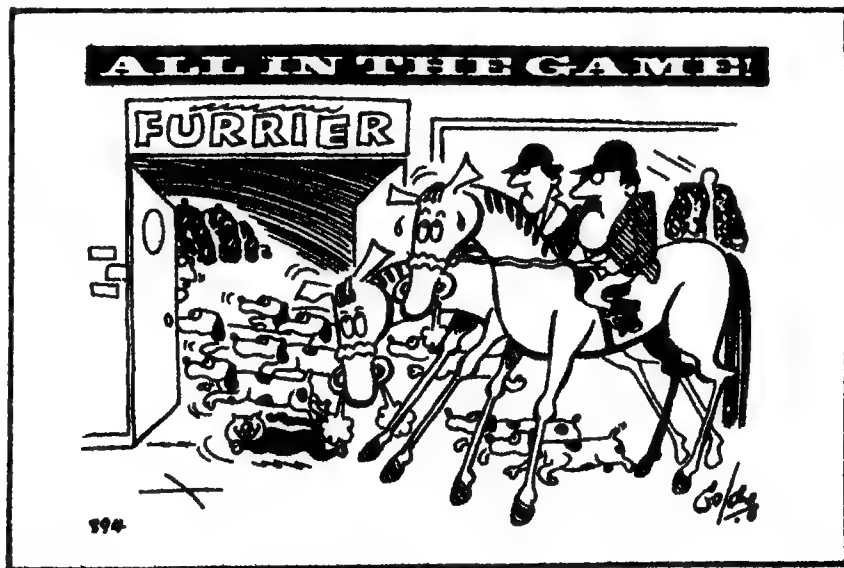
The fans on the Centre Court had already seen enough of his stalling methods in his straight-sets, semi-final – and victory over Gardner Mulloy of Miami.

They disliked his delaying tactics which smacked of poor sportsmanship. His temperamental antics won him disfavour, too. He constantly shook his racquet furiously when he missed a point he should have won.

Now he was using the same tricks in the final – and against an old Wimbledon favourite.

CRAZY SET

The fans greatly admired ambidextrous John Bromwich whose



THE NORMAN CONQUEST!



With a low shot that curled beyond the reach of Everton 'keeper Neville, Norman Whiteside, 20, slammed home the winner off a flag-kick in the extra time of the FA Cup final last fortnight



Referee Willis orders M U's stunned Kevin Moran (left) off the field for his unintentional foul on Everton's Peter Reid. Moran's dismissal was the first in FA Cup history. INSET: Norman Whiteside with the prestigious Cup



That's mine...Everton's Derek Mountfield (airborne) thunders in to head clear from Mark Hughes of United.



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Bhopal hockey in a gaseous state

SPORTS MORTEM

GUFRAN-E-AZAM is a man of big stature. The former Member of Parliament and vice-president of the Indian Hockey Federation, who is also the president of the faction-ridden Bhopal Hockey Association, wields tremendous power in the city, which is veritably called the nursery of hockey.

Not only does he have a huge mass following in the city of gas tragedy, but is also treated like a demi-god, people in the know say. Thus, it is believed, that Gufran-e-Azam cannot be crossed.

The events last week, however, show that the president of the rival Bhopal Hockey Association, former Olympian and present Member of Parliament Aslam Sher Khan, has used his acumen and power to pull the rug from under the feet of Gufran-e-Azam, when he announced the dates for the 54th Obaidullah Gold Cup hockey tournament, without the knowledge of the erstwhile M.P.

The events that led to this drama are most bizarre.

Several years ago, Gufran-e-Azam was the president of the Bhopal Hockey Association, with Aslam Sher Khan as secretary. Aslam was supposedly peeved at the way hockey was run there and brought an injunction in the court of law against Gufran and thus began the long court wrangle, with both these men going for each other's throat in public and private, and the camp being divided into two.

By this time, Aslam decided to form another Bhopal Hockey Association with himself as the president, which led to the senior nationals two years ago seeing two teams from Bhopal participating in this prestigious tournament. The teams were reduced to shambles with each president alleging kidnapping of players and general mayhem.

Last year in April, a letter signed by Aslam Sher Khan was received by the IHF secretary K.L. Passi,

By David D'Souza

wherein it was stated that, for the welfare of hockey in that city, a patch up of sorts was concluded out of court between Aslam and Gufran and all was well now, thank you.

Since the Obaidullah Cup was not held last year due to these wranglings, the two warring parties wanted to join hands and see that the tournament did not suffer this year too.

But somehow, Aslam felt that the backwash of limelight was not conducive to his status and probably knowing that he would not be able to bask in the glory with Gufran around, decided to upstage the former M.P.

A week before the start of the tournament, Aslam went to Delhi and in the absence of the joint-secretary of the IHF, Kartar Singh,

Aslam has set out to straighten the IHF affairs when his own house is in disorder

took the dates from a Mr. Sharma, who looks after the office as its superintendent.

Aslam must have rubbed his palms in glee for Sharma gave the dates to him on the IHF letterhead. This led to Gufran buzzing like a hornet which is disturbed and issued a press statement that the dates were not sanctioned by the IHF and thus the tournament was illegal.

When Kartar Singh was contacted telephonically by IHF secretary K.L. Passi from Bombay, this is what Kartar had to say:

"Gufran came to see me a month ago in the office in Delhi and coincidentally Aslam was sitting there with me. Obviously the talk centred around Bhopal hockey and the staging of the Obaidullah Hockey Cup.

"After a lot of discussions, the both agreed to organise the tournament jointly and came to a decision to let a Aftabuddin be the organising secretary of the tournament.

"I thought that everything is in order now. But last week when he was not in office, Aslam Sher Khan came to the office and took the dates from the office superintendent and he (Sharma) gave Aslam the dates on the (IHF) letterhead. This is how Aslam declared the tournament open."

But several leading hockey administrators in the city are against these factions organising this tournament. Among them is the daughter-in-law of General Obaidullah, in whose name the tournament is held.

Obviously pained at the way hockey is getting the stick, she dashed off a letter on April 22nd this year to K.L. Passi, which gave a brief resume at the state of affairs in Bhopal. In the end, she writes that she would not like the tournament to be organised by this faction-ridden association, but by a 'powerful committee' which will bring a semblance of order in organising this tournament. The gold cup, incidentally is in the custody of Begum Rasiduzzafar Khan, the daughter-in-law.

At the time of writing, the first day of the tournament was disrupted by a mob of nearly 5,000 gas-tragedy victims, who were demonstrating against Vijay Gupta, a lawyer fighting the case for the Union Carbide. Gupta, it is learnt, is also the vice-chairman of the organising committee of the tournament announced by Aslam Sher Khan.

A decision about the holding of the tournament jointly by a new organising committee would be announced after the rival presidents of the BHA come to a sort of compromise on the composition of the committee, said BHA joint secretary Abdul Raza and added that Gupta the lawyer would not be included in the committee.

This then is the state of hockey in Bhopal and God save the men who run it, as Aslam had decided to straighten out the problems afflicting Indian hockey when his own house is in disorder.

Why India cannot produce champs

By Ashwini Kumar (Vice president, International Olympic Committee)

It is often asked not without a smirk on the face as to why India, a country with more than 750 million people, could not produce a sportsman who could win a gold medal in Los Angeles

Olympic officials are blamed for this, and so is politics in selection. Poor coaching and poorer dietary habits, also figure as villains of the piece

However, the true answer is not far to seek. Among the 750 million the percentage of people who actually participate in any kind of sport is practically negligible. It cannot be much more than the figure of a small town in India — no more than a few hundred thousand

The truth of the matter is that poor results shown by our country is because of the negligibly small number of people, who are sports conscious or are actively involved in sports participation

In other words, we do not have a national mass base in sports. Our approach is purely gladiatorial. We select and pick up outstanding athletes at the age of 17 or 18 when their sinews and muscles have hardly any room for improvement, and attempt to coach or groom them into star status, and if they fall along the line we then indulge in national mourning

A mass base can only be created by educational and governmental agencies in primary, middle and high school institutions. We could then perhaps, have a sports plan to educate children into the intricacies of various games

Unfortunately today we do not even know how many children are studying in these schools. Approximate figures are available only for high schools

From available data it is learnt that out of these schools only two per cent have play grounds, where children can practice a few games. Even in these two per cent fortunate institutions, it is not suggested that they have sophisticated installations providing good equipment

where bodies could be honed efficiently into excellent sports material

There is a singular dearth of swimming pools and gymnasia in the entire country. Gymnasia which have sophisticated equipment in them are less than a dozen in the entire country!

The less said about swimming pools the better. Some half seized structures are available in five star locations! And yet it is an established fact that without practising gymnastics and swimming between the ages of eight and 12 years a child has no chance of becoming a world beater

Where can our children practise so that they could perform ably in international forums? Are there enough educational institutions which can absorb coaches who are being groomed in the National Sports Institutions?



If even one sports coach is provided to the majority of colleges and schools in our country today, there will not be enough coaches available. To slake the thirst of one coach for one school it will take the various coaching institutions more than a 150 years

When we do not even know the number of children studying in schools, and when most of the schools are lodged in perhaps a few rooms on the second storey or third storey of buildings, or more likely under a tree, how can we ever dream of having outstanding sportsmen, commensurate with our tremendous population. No wonder in the six development plans that we have already had, hardly any mention is made of sports

Under our Constitution sports is not a central subject whereby the Government of India can give any detailed directive about sports all over the country. It is a subject transferred to the States, and the priority of sports in our provinces is so low, that one hangs one's head in shame

Sports without doubt can flourish only in an environment in which its dynamism and philosophy can be understood. Physical education is as much 'education' as it is 'physical' — performance in excellence has to be achieved not as an end in itself, but forms part of a global conception of the body and the mind, playful and the serious

As the Romans used to say "Mens sana in corpore sano" — a "healthy mind in a healthy body". Can you have harmony and unity of the mind and the body, in a country where more than half the population lives below the poverty line? Instead of a 5000 calories diet, a potential athlete has to make do either with the national average diet of about a 1000 calories, or if his talent has been spotted, a 3000 calories feed!

Again I feel sports is alien to the,
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Foot faults and mouth disease

THE ASSOCIATION of Tennis Professionals the men's union publishes a weekly newspaper that includes a feature written in Spanish. Since 1968 when open competition was introduced the changes within the game have been revolutionary. The least controversial and therefore the least publicised has been the emergence of Spanish as the sport's second language.

This has happened because although South Americans do not excel on the grass courts of Wimbledon they have been invading the men's circuit in astonishing numbers.

Two men have been outstanding in their example and influence Guillermo Vilas of Argentina a former French United States and Australian champion and Chile's Jaime Fillol whose selfless integrity as ATP president demonstrated that the game's traditionally Anglo Saxon code of conduct could be exported without damage.

This was a more open question in the days when Ilie Nastase was acquiring a reputation as an *enfant terrible*. He was raising a storm at Monte Carlo one year and a group were discussing the implications over morning coffee. Charlie Pasarell a sensitive and open minded man suggested that Anglo Saxons should not self-righteously assume that the traditional code of conduct came down from the moun-

tain with Moses. It was becoming necessary to adjust within reason to the impact of other cultures.

Pasarell was right and the game has in fact been enriched by its increas-



Ilie Nastase... he began it all

ingly cosmopolitan cast. The odd thing is that although the rot set in with Nastase a Romanian the most prominent modern sinners have been Americans first Jimmy Connors then John McEnroe. True Connors has cleaned up his act ("I just concentrate on my tennis and my opponent") and like Nastase have the saving grace of comedy. But comedy and good manners are not mutually exclusive.

In defence of McEnroe and other offenders from USA (among them Eliot Teltscher who once used obscene language to his female opponent during the French mixed doubles final) it has been said that they believe in doing their own thing.

McEnroe has said "I don't like being phony. I prefer to be honest. That's more important than being liked by everyone. That sounds reasonable superficially. But if McEnroe finds a correlation between honesty and boorishness it does not say much for him. My problem he says is to find a way of handling all the nervous energy that builds up inside me. I'm just too competitive."

There are no excuses for McEnroe's rudeness only explanations some times of the kind applied to wilful children having tantrums that smack of hysteria. But at 25 McEnroe is no child. He should be all man.

Nastase Connors and McEnroe in turn have attracted particular atten-



Cynthia Tucker soothing the troubled head of McEnroe

Mac's masseuse says:

Give him a lady umpire

THE WOMAN who massages the tired muscles of John McEnroe has a plan to soothe his tormented soul during the Wimbledon fortnight.

Give him lady umpires says osteopath Cynthia Tucker who goes on to assure us that McEnroe is really a gentleman at heart.

He has a great respect for women says Cynthia. "I've never seen him shout at argue with or be rude to any woman. And I couldn't even imagine him swearing at a woman."

Tucker has been treating McEnroe since 1977 when he made his noisy debut at Wimbledon and has always found him charming.

She adds "I think his tantrums on court are caused by an over dose of adrenalin."

His adrenalin glands are just more active than other players so it is all beyond his control.

But I am sure that if a woman was umpiring his matches it would make all the difference.

Alas the British Tennis Umpires Association don't share her confidence.

Herbert Sydercombe the Association's secretary said "I don't personally think it will make any difference."

He said there were, of course, many very good woman umpires and they did occasionally officiate at men's matches at the All England club.

But he said "I don't believe a woman has ever umpired a match involving McEnroe at Wimbledon and frankly, I don't think one ever will."



Connors (left) and McEnroe, court clowns and loud mouths. **BELOW** the line service judge seen operating the new electronic fault-finding equipment at Wimbledon's Centre Court

tion because of their exceptional playing ability which meant that any misconduct would be widely reported. One consequence of declining standards of behaviour in conjunction with the increased publicity given to the game is that Nastase and McEnroe became easy targets for media representatives specially assigned to seek scandal stories leaving the tennis reporting to others.

McEnroe has often said that he wants to be judged for his tennis rather than his behaviour. That preference could easily be satisfied if he simply got on with the tennis and allowed his opponent to do the same. The media would then have nothing but tennis to write about.

Misconduct and money inevitably receive more publicity than they did in the days when there was less of both. Manuel Orantes recently said that too much attention was given to the top players at the expense of the sport. A lot depends on the character of the top players. The higher a man goes the greater his responsibilities. The celebrities of tennis are richly rewarded, public entertainers with wide ranging obligations to themselves, their opponents, spectators, tournament officials and the game's reputation and well being. A few - and only few - are disobeying those obligations.

The man responsible for behaviour on court are the players and the umpires. The competence and moral courage of the umpires should be beyond question. Unfortunately it is not. There are umpires who seem to be unacquainted with the point penalty schedule or casually turn a blind

eye or a deaf ear towards offenders. Some value their place in the limelight so highly that they are not going to put it at risk by taking a bold, controversial decision. The umpire's authority has in any case been eroded by their own supervisors representing the grand prix council.

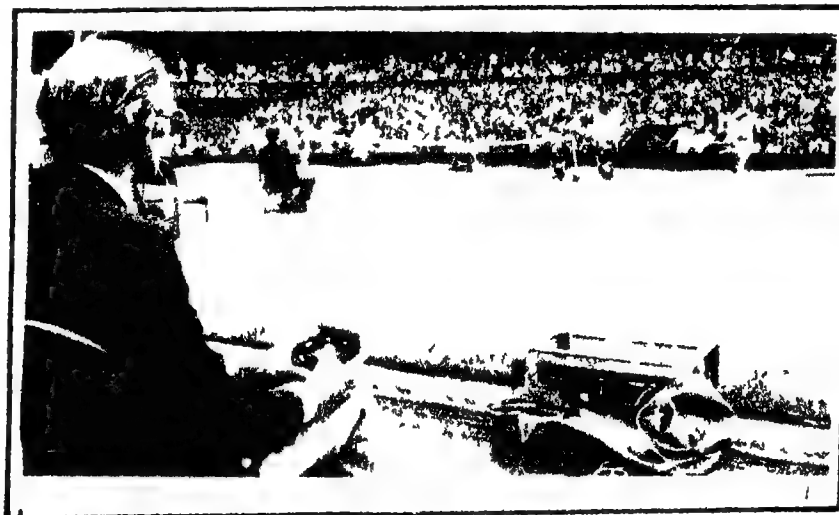
There are indications though of reversion to better days. Jose Hieras beaten by Mats Wilander at the 1983 French Championships. It was later that Wilander was given paid tennis professional status as a pleasure to play against the best of the game needed players like Wilander at the top.

During the 17 years of open competition, tournaments have proliferated and there has been a shift of emphasis towards slower surfaces and a consequent shift of emphasis towards

ground strokes. Noah has reminded us that ground strokes are a means to an end - the end being an adventurous move to the forecourt.

Those 17 years have also endowed tennis with the mixed blessing of heavy sponsorship from commercial companies anxious to tap the middle class market for their products. There are so many dollar millionaires playing tennis these days that have ceased to be tennis. School children are making as much money in a year as their parents make in a decade. Sometimes the cost is high. Girls submit to so much physical stress such as intense competition that they have damaged their health during a period of growth and become joylessly hardened in the premature pursuit of fame and fortune.

ATUL PREMNARAYEN



THE month of May could well be called the month of hope. And India's forerunner in tennis, Nandan Bal, could not have hoped for a better deal this summer.

The reigning national champion, displaying the kind of tennis that keeps him at the top, cantered away with three singles and doubles titles in successive weeks of this summer's circuit in Bombay.

Bal started off with a bang by brushing aside Enrico Piperno in straight sets in the CCI Open. He left little room for doubt of his masterly skill, serving and volleying with the power and command that symbolise champs. In the process



he avenged his defeat of a week earlier to Piperno at Kozhikode.

Bal allowed Piperno to challenge him only in the first set. But once he broke Piperno in the seventh, he proved himself to be unbeatable on his day. Piperno battled gallantly and even held the advantage after deuce in the fourth game, but had no answer to the aces that Bal produced at will.

Nandan Bal on a winning spree

With the first set neatly wrapped up, success was imminent and not even a desperate dash by Piperno to pick up a net-hugging drop that resulted in him crashing and spraining his wrist, could apply the brakes on Bal who broke in the first, third and seventh to crown himself.

Piperno, however, did not allow a taped wrist to add to the gloom of defeat. Ever amicable and jolly as he is, he took the court to partner Bal in an absorbing men's doubles final against Mayur Vasant and Chetan Desai.

In a keenly-fought encounter that went to extra games, Bal stole the thunder with serves and forehand returns and the pair would have won earlier but for the injured Piperno sending a simple serve from Vasant into the net in the decider.

With the double success urging him on, Bal was in full flow in the Shivaji Park Gymkhana Open. Facing Chetan Desai across the net in the singles final, he took less than an hour to tame the third seed 6-3, 6-2.

Full flow

If Bal served well in the first set, he excelled himself with his aces in the second. Desai who managed to survive two break points early in the first set simply failed to master Bal's service in the second. His do-or-die attempt in the third game made no impression on Bal who was in fine fettle and it wasn't long before he bowed to the national champ.

The men's doubles was a big let-down for the spectators who had anticipated a keen tussle between the Nandan Bal-Rajiv Batra and Mayur Vasant-Chetan Desai pairs. Play began after dusk and the match was evenly poised at five-all when the opponents decided to share the spoils.

The men's singles final of the lifebuoy-sponsored Indian Gymkhana Open evoked keen interest among tennis lovers. Would Bal continue his winning spree — or would Hari Iyer, a promising junior, upset the India No.1 as he did Mayur Vasant?

The game started on a serve and volley note with Hari Iyer all but matching Bal. The junior was play-



Nandan Bal...displayed the kind of tennis that keeps him at the top

ing in his first men's singles final and that too against the national champ

But he did not let the occasion run away with him and impressed one and all while putting up a spirited display. However, he could not prevent Bal from taking the first set after the latter broke in the seventh game.

The second set was more evenly contested. Being a set down did not unsettle Iyer who produced a few forehand winners that spoke highly of his potential.

Impressed

He made Bal sweat for every point and often had the champ rushing to the net and back. But Bal managed to break his serve in the fifth game and after Iyer committed a couple of errors, all Bal had to do was indulge in safe play and hold his serve to win the set and his third consecutive title

Bal then teamed up with Rajiv Batra to add the men's doubles to his kitty with a hard-fought, well-deserved victory over Vasant and Desai

In the women's section of the summer circuit, Nasreen Shujatali dominated at Shivaji Park and the Indian Gymkhana though it was Bela Pandit who hogged the lime-light in the CCI Open which was sponsored by Canco Rubber Products and Mahindra and Mahindra

The 19-year-old Bela acquitted herself well winning a triple crown – the women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles

The top seed in the singles, Bela came close to being humbled by Asmita Vasant in the quarter-finals

She took the first set comfortably at 6-3, then surprisingly lost the second by a similar margin, and trailed 4-5 in the decider before she managed to overcome Asmita

In the final she began in a wayward fashion and did not seem her usual, consistent self. She failed to match the baseline play of Nasreen, double faulted, lost the first set 3-6 and trailed 0-3 in the second.

She then staged a remarkable recovery to take four games in succession. Her backhand strokes came into prominence as she outlasted Nasreen and never looked back to claim the title with a 6-3 victory in the third set.

The women's doubles she won partnering Varsha Jerome and the mixed doubles she claimed with Nitin Kannamwar.

Nasreen Shujatali, a leading

under 18 player in the country, won a creditable double in the Cipla-sponsored Shivaji Park Open. She got the better of Varsha Jerome (6-3, 6-3) in the women's final and then beat Sheetal Kannamwar 6-0, 6-3 in the girl's under 18 event

Nasreen has come a long way since she began winning local titles as a school girl at the turn of the decade. Her baseline play was evident as she scored over Varsha. Her forehand strokes were full of power and her ability to adjust to long rallies coupled with her swiftness on court showed that she has certainly improved in leaps and bounds

In the final of the Indian Gymkhana Open, Nasreen faced a considerably weaker opponent in Gowri Krishnan who was back on the scene after a prolonged break

She outclassed Gowri in the first

set and then rallied to snuff out the challenge offered by the Madras girl in the second, forcing Gowri into blunders that cost her the title

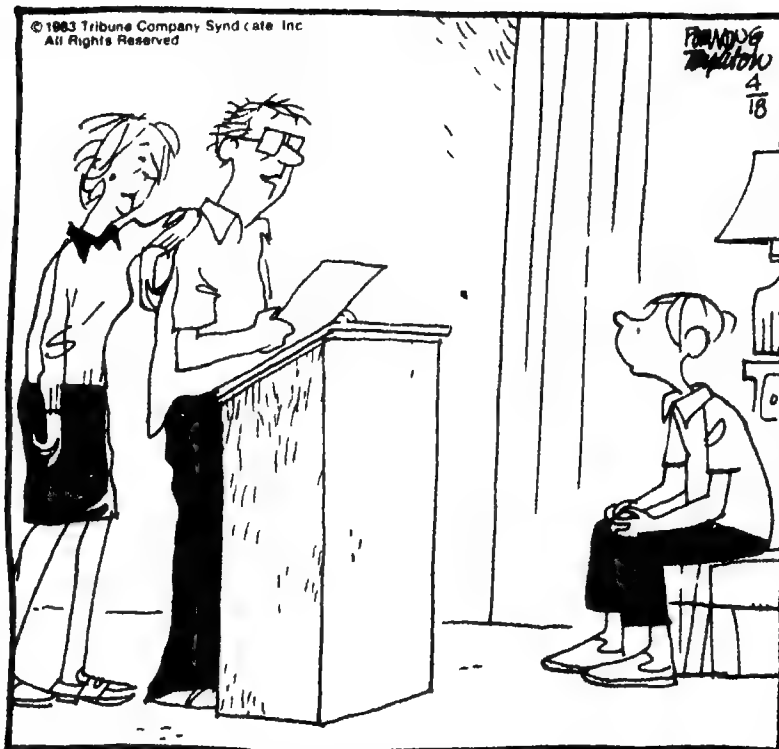
She displayed a cool temperament and was undoubtedly the better player on view as she was the previous day when she defeated Reena Achrekar, for the girls' under 18 title

Calcutta's Pratik Chaubey among the juniors merits mention. The lad has more than made his presence felt on the summer circuit while staking his claims as the best 18-year-old in the country

The Indian Gymkhana Open – where he also claimed the doubles – was his fourth successive boys' under 18 title, while he also claimed the doubles at the CCI Open

SW Correspondent

THE SPORTING LIFE



„ SO, SON, YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE ANNOUNCING TODAY THAT AFTER SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF FOOTBALL LEAGUES, SOCCER LEAGUES, BASKETBALL LEAGUES AND BASEBALL LEAGUES, WE FIND IT NECESSARY TO RETIRE BECAUSE OF BURNOUT...

Services, Railways emerge supreme

SERVICES dominated the proceedings to win the men's championship in the 33rd National Kabaddi Championship at Dr Rajendra Prasad Stadium in Margao recently when they scored a convincing 74-41 victory over Punjab in the final. Railways became the women's champions beating West Bengal 35-16 in the finals

Services skipper Sukhwinder Singh proved very effective in his raids and he contributed significantly to his side's success. With their sound defence, Services succeeded in warding off the attacking raids of Punjab's Balwinder Singh and this made things easy for them. Services lead 35-16 at half time.

Punjab could make a good showing only for a brief period soon after the interval. Sukhwinder (25) and Hardeep (18) scored most of the points for Services while Gurmel Singh and Khan served them well in catching.

The Railway women who led 17-9 at half time had no difficulty in overcoming West Bengal to register an impressive win. Roma Sarkar who scored 15 points acquitted herself creditably for the victors while Monika Nath fared well for West Bengal. West Bengal had de-



Punjab's Balwinder Singh, the player of the championship, is trapped by the Services in the final

feated Goa 36-26 to reach the final.

Maharashtra failed to reach the finals in both sections, losing to Railways 26-28 in the women's semifinals and to Punjab 40-56 in the men's semifinals. Services scored an overwhelming 71-72 win over Railways to reach the men's final.

Mohini Chapekar of Maharashtra and Balwinder Singh of Punjab were adjudged the best performers

in the women's and the men's section respectively.

Maharashtra took the third place in both the men's and the women's section defeating Railways and Goa respectively. Goa lost to Maharashtra 18-47 to take the fourth place and Railways went down to them 18-23 to finish fourth in the men's section.

AJIT K. MOYE



Dayanand Narvenkar, speaker of the Goa Assembly, hands over the men's and women's trophies to the captains of the Services and Railways teams respectively

Sahara edge out SBI

DESPITE the presence of several Ranji and Test stars in their side, Sahara India, comprising Karsan Ghavri, Ghulam Parkar, Shishir Hattangadi, Suresh Shastri, Kiran Mokashi and Zulfiqar Parkar was able to win finals of 35th All

ever, put the side on comparatively strong footing as it yielded about 87 runs and the innings was closed at 245 runs for ten wickets

SBI too had a poor start and were all out for a paltry 178 runs

Kiran Mokashi and Karsan Ghavri put Sahara in a very commanding position as they claimed five and three wickets respectively

With a 67-run first innings lead over SBI, Sahara failed to put up a remarkable show in their second innings and were able to pile up 234 runs in their second innings

SBI were now in a disadvantageous position as it needed 302 runs to win

They took the challenge seriously although openers Rajeshwar Prasad and Manoj Gupta were dismissed cheaply by swing bowler Suresh Shetty for only three runs. The scoreboard was 179 for six after Yashpal was dismissed and SBI lost all hopes to win the game as it needed 133 runs with four wickets in hand to claim the trophy. However, Zeeshan Mohammad tried to prevent the downfall as he scored 31 runs, but deadly bowling by Padam Shastri and Mokashi forced SBI to finish their second innings at 231 runs with all wickets down

SANTOSH GUPTA



Punjab Sports Council last fortnight honoured leading sports persons from the state for having achieved international fame, thus aiding Indian sport. Seen here is India women hockey star Rajbir Kaur who receives a cheque of Rs.25,000 from Rajinder Singh, secretary, Sports & Rural Development

India Sheesh Mahal Cricket Tournament defeating State Bank of India, Delhi by 72 runs

Nevertheless SBI's Yashpal Sharma, Kishore Sharma, Ashok Malhotra and Sanjeev Chopra had done their best to keep their team in high spirits. Yashpal Sharma was also credited to score 111 runs in the second innings of the final which was the highest score in the entire tournament. The final was played at the K D Singh Babu Stadium at Lucknow.

The All India Sheesh Mahal Cricket Tournament attracted 16 selected teams from UP and other parts of the country.

Batting first Sahara India made a poor start as the opening pair of Padam Shastri and Shishir Hattangadi were out at 4 and 2 runs respectively with the score-board reading at 14 for two due to a deadly bowling spell by SBI's Kishore Sharma and Yashpal Sharma.

However, Sahara were saved from the onslaught as the 3rd and 4th wicket partnership by Ghulam Parkar and A. Laghate.

Sahara was in a bad shape when nine wickets fell at 158, but the last wicket partnership between Suresh Sharma and Suresh Shetty, how-

Why we cannot... from p.3 7

ethos of our people. This, I believe is the second reason (first being lack of a mass base) for our backwardness in sports.

As a nation we do not take our sports seriously. On the face of it we may witness thousands of people watching Test matches, etc, but that does not mean that sports is popular in India. As a rich sports culture has a lot to do with economic prosperity, in a poor country like ours it cannot flourish.

Under the circumstances all sports organisers and enthusiasts, practise only competitive games, and this develops a kind of elitism in sports that is now so common in developing countries where opportunities for the rest are few and far between.

Sports being alien to our thinking, we do not participate in it as the affluent West does - where it is a common sight to see thousands of people running and jogging. We are, therefore, forced to produce elitists like Milkha Singh and Usha, or to listen to VIPs at sports gatherings telling us the virtues of sports! Or parents spanking their children for having spent too much time on the playground!

Mass sport as a popular means of recreation in all age groups, has probably never been a part of the Indian milieu. The in thing is competitive sport - and this has been so from time immemorial. Last year when I was in East Germany, a country with only 17 million people involved their Spartakiad (bi-ennial sport competition) there were 70,000 participants!

In the quest for international success Indian sport planners and administrators, have forgotten to provide a mass base for sports. They only want competitions so as to catch outstanding athletes who they could groom to stardom. They are only interested in the elite, and all I can say is "forgive them for they know not what they do"!

Their grandiose schemes for development of sports, provision of coaching facilities and producing world beaters in various games, is surely an exercise in futility.

In brief the causes for our dismal performances in international forums are -

a) Lack of mass participation in sports due to poor facilities for this essential human activity in schools.

b) Sports is alien to the Indian ethos.

Goenka's British connection

SENSATIONAL is the word which best describes the disclosures made in an investigative report by Britain's leading Sunday newspaper *The Observer* that the well known Indian racing owner and industrialist J.P. Goenka paid jockeys Lester Piggot, the biggest name in the game in England, and Paul Cook, who is in the top ten sums of money for information about horses on which he wagered

The story first broke in a Crown Court in London when a secretary in Goenka's London office Philomena Fernandes, was acquitted of the charge of stealing cheques sent to Goenka by English bookmakers. The seriousness of the charge can best be illustrated by the fact that last year one of Britain's most promising jockeys was suspended for three years for accepting £1,000 from a professional gambler in exchange for information about the prospects of a horse he was riding.

Goenka first came into racing prominence when a colt, who was subsequently named Mayappan, was sold to trainer R.R. Byramji, who was bidding on his behalf for the highest price ever paid in the Bombay auction sales ring. That was in 1979. Mayappan did not amount to much but he did win the Indian St. Leger in Pune.

Goenka's most successful horse in India was Almanac, who won the Indian Turf Invitation Cup and the Indian Derby. He has been especially successful with Vibrant, who won the Bangalore Triple Crown in 1983, and he has won the Stayer's Cup for the last three years in a row.

Goenka's London manager, Arjan Brijnath, is reported to have said that there were sporadic payments made over the years and the amounts ranged between £1,000 and £2,000. He went on to say that he did not know the reason for the payments as Miss Fernandes would pass on the information obtained when he, Brijnath, was

absent from the office because of commitments abroad. He added that the payments had now stopped.

Brijnath revealed that Goenka used to invest up to £250 on the jockeys' advice which was very precise as they would identify a likely horse, the race and the time of the race. He said that it was very much a see-saw battle as some of the horses won and some did not.

Piggot described the allegations that payments were made to him by Goenka directly or through his wife by either cash or cheque as a lot of rubbish.

People talk like this. You get it all the time, he said. Piggot added, 'The only dealing I have had with him (Goenka) was when he had a horse with Henry Cecil (by whom Piggot was retained) which I used to ride. According to Mrs. Cecil the horse was no good.'



Paul Cook's wife, on behalf of her husband, denied, that tips were being passed on to Goenka. She said payments received from Goenka were for her husband's visits to India where he rode for Goenka and were entered in the books and declared to the tax man.

The truth of the allegations can only be established if the Jockey Club makes a detailed investigation but there are some obvious discrepancies in the report. For instance, Goenka is known to be a big and fearless punter and it is highly unlikely that he would bet £250 which to him is a piddling amount on a tip for which he has paid about £1,000.

However, as the saying goes, there cannot be smoke without fire.

It should be borne in mind that the allegations are that the jockeys named were 'selling' information to Goenka and not offering it voluntarily and free of charge. There is one well known such case which bears repetition.

Tommy Burn was a popular and successful jockey in India who finally landed a retainer with the then Duke of Norfolk, who maintained a large stable and was a steward of the Jockey Club. The

story, which is nearly two decades old, goes that an Indian playboy industrialist who was also a big time punter was tipped by Burn who gained no pecuniary benefit, a horse on which the Indian, who was accompanied by the best known Indian in English racing, went around the ring wagering so heavily that eventually he had nearly £20,000 on the horse.

The horse was slowly away but made up ground with devastating strides in the homestretch to go past the post locked together with the front runner in a photo finish. The Indian punter never blinked an eyelid while his host and companion was sweating profusely even in the English weather. The photo showed the horse on which the Indian had wagered as the winner and he raked in the shekels.

There is an aftermath. The noble Duke, who came to know of the Indian's considerable gamble, called Burn and asked him if he had tipped the Indian on the horse. Burn, pointing out that the Duke was not a betting man and was so not concerned with the price at which his horse ran, admitted that he had done so as the Indian was a friend of long standing. The Duke was not amused and Burn was sent packing.

Bombay horses are best

THE reason why it is believed that the best horses are in Bombay and the least impressive are in Calcutta is to be found in the list of the winners of the Bangalore Summer Classics, for it is during that season that horses from all over the country get together and compete. The Calcutta-based animals have the least imposing record and the latest winner of a Bangalore Summer Classic from Calcutta did so in 1974.

That situation is likely to be changed this year. Invitation, who is by Everyday II-Be My Guest, was a most impressive winner of a Class III race over 1,400 metres last week for her third win from four starts. She is with Dallas Todywalla, who is best known for the excellent results he obtained last winter with the record-breaking Bergamo. Invitation is very much in the fight for the Fillies Trial Stakes which will be run on June 16.

The horses to follow in Bangalore, where the season has not as yet gained momentum, are Fast Gear, Land of Gold, Gallantry, Sea Tiger and Condor.

THE GRAND victory by Praveen Thipsay in the National Championship at Tenali (AP) was in keeping with his recently earned GM norm.

In the 18-Player tournament Thipsay, undefeated, scored 14 points out of 17, 3½ points ahead of the field! The final results and ranking (on SB points in case of ties) were:

IM Thipsay (Maha) 14, IM Ravi Kumar (TN), Meeter (Manipur), IM Vaidya (Maha), Anand (TN) 10½; D.V.Prasad (Karn), R.Ravi Sekhar (TN), Mithrakanth (TN) 10; Murugan (TN), IM Barua (WB), Hegde (Maha) 8½; Koshy (Bihar) 8, L Ravi (AP) 7½; M. Suresh (TN) 6, Sahu (Maha) 5½; Unni (AP) 5½; Katdare (Maha) 5, Ghate (Maha) 4

The first 6 will be eligible to participate in international tournaments and will be seeded for the next championship.

Katdare-Thipsay

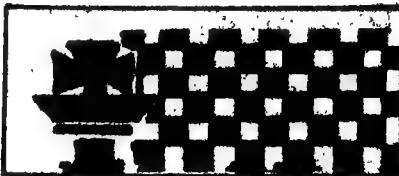
1.e4, e5 2.Nf3, Nc6 3.Bb5, a6 4.Ba4, Nf6 5.OO, Be7 6.Qe2, b5 7.Bb3, OO 8.c3, d5 9.d3, Re8 10.Nbd2, Bf8 11.Re1, Na5 12.Bc2, c5 13.exd5, Qxd5 14.Ne4, Nxe4 15.dxe4, d6 16.b3, Qc7 17.b3, c4 18.b4, Nb7 19.a4, Bd7 20.Be3?, a5! 21.axb5, Bxb5 22.bxa5, Rxa5 23.Rxa5, Qxa5 24.Rb1, Nc5 25.Qd2, Bc6 26.Rb4, Nxe4 27.Bxe4,

Bxe4 28.Rxc4, Rd8 29.Rxe4, Rxd2 30.Nxd2, Bd6 and O-1 (79.)

6.Qe2) Ruy Lopez, Worall attack.

9.d3) 9.exd5, Bg4 10.dxc6, e4 11.d4, exf3 12.gxf3, Bh5 is known to give Black attacking chances.

20.Be 3?) White errs in his judgment about allowing the Queen side to be opened up. 20.a5 locking up the Queen side was indicated.



23.Rxa5?) 23.Rab1 would have given White better fighting chances

25.Qd2?) Better 25.Bxc5, Bxc5 26.Qe1,

28.Rd8!) The White Queen has no good move; if 29.Qe1, Bc2 threatens.. Rd1; if 29.Qc1, Bd3 30.Rc6, Bb5 wins the exchange. So White has to give up the Queen to fight a long losing battle.

This position was reached after 69 moves: White: Kg1; Rd4 Ng2; pf2; Black: Kg5; Qc3; ps-f5, g4. The finish was: 70.Ra4, Qc1ch 71.Kh2, Qc2 72.Rf4, Qc7 73.Kg3, Qh7

74.f3, Qh3ch 75.Kf2, Qxg2chl 76.Kxg2, Kxf4 77.Kf2, gxf3 78.Kf1, Ke3 79.Ke1, f4; O-1.

Sahu-Anand

1.d4, Nf6 2.Nf3, g6 3.g3, Bg7 4.Bg2, OO 5.c4, c6 6.OO, d5 7.Ne5, dxc4 8.Na3, Ng4 9.Naxc4, Nxe5 10.Nxe5, Qb6 11.Qa4, Be6 12.e3?, Na6 13.Nd3, Bf5 14.Qa3, Rfd8 15.Bd2, Qb5 16.Nb4, Nc7 17.Rfc1, a5 18.Nxc6?, bxc6 19.Rxc6, Ne6 20.Bc3, Ng5 21.g4?! Be4! 22.Rc5, Qb7! 23.Qb3, Bxg2 24.Qxb7, Bxb7, 25.Rc7, Bd5 26.F4, Ne6!; O-1

Grunfeld Defence. Customary is 7.cxd5, cxd5 8.Ne5. 12.e3) playable is 12.Be3, Qxb2 13.Rab1. 18.Nxc6?! 18.Nc2, Qe2 19.Be1 (19.Bc3?, b5) Bxc2 20.Bf1 saves the piece, but Black stands better with 19...Nd5. If 25.Rxg5?, e5 26.dxe5, h6 wins. 27.Rxe7?, Bf6 wins the exchange.

End Game

Last week's ending by V. Rudenko (1957): White: Kb6; Bs-d8, g4; Ne5; Pb2. Black: Ka4; Bs-b1, e1; Pc2, Win. 1.B.g5, Bf2ch (If 1...c1Q 2.Bxc1, Kb3 3.Bd1ch, Bc2 4.Be2, Bf2ch 5.Ka6, Bf5 6.Nc4 Be6 7.Na3, Bd4 8.Bd1ch, Ka2 9.b4, Bb2 10.Bxb2, Kxb2 11.Nb5 wins) 2.Ka6, Bd4 3.Nd3, c1Q 4.Nxc1, Bxb2 5.Bd7ch, Kb4 6.Be7ch, Kc4 7.Be6ch, Kc3 8.Bf6ch, Kc2 9.b3chl, Kxc1 10.Bg5 mate.

BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

INDIA WENT into the finals of the BFAME Championships conceding a 40 I.M.P. carry-over to Pakistan.

This deal started the works..

Q J 10 6 4			
A Q 8 4			
nil			
A 9 7 3			
N			
8 7			A K 9 3 2
3	W	E	K 9 8 5
Q 9 8 7 6 5 4 2			A K 10 3
8 6		S	nil
		5	
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		J	
K Q J 10 5 4 2			E/W Final

The Open Room bidding, though it gave India a boost, was hardly worthy of a World Zonal finals:

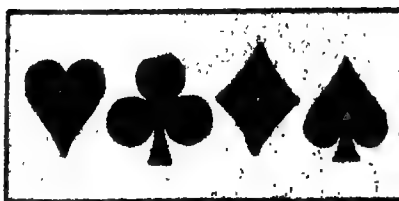
E	S	W	N
(Zia)	(Sudhir)	(Masood)	(Kamal)
(Mahmood)	(Ganguly)		(Mukherjee)
1S	2C	P	2S
3H	3S	P	5C
Obl	P	P	Rebdl

All pass

Ganguly's "2C" over-call and later "3S" cue-bid were misdescrip-

tive. He suggested at least some high-card strength. That is probably why Mukherjee found his hair-raising "redouble," confident of handling any run-out by vulnerable opponents. If Masood had run, Mukherjee's confidence would have shrunk down to size. However, all was well that ended well.

Masood probably thought that his partner had ten odd cards in the



majors and little space for diamonds. The villain of the piece, of course, was Zia. He had a stand-out second round cue-bid of "3C", focussing attention on both his remaining suits instead of only one. That "3H" bid of his was fishing enterprise unworthy of the master.

The other room, though less bizarre, packed an even heavier punch:

West	North	East	South
(Rajesh)	(Munir)	(Jaggy)	(Jan-e-Alam)
(Dalali)	(Ataulleh)	(Shivda-sani)	(Alam)
P	5C	1C	3C
	6DDbl	Dbl	P
		All pass	

Jan-e-Alam's "3C" bid was saner than his counter-parts. If playing strong or moderate jump over calls even 'four clubs' is preferable to 'two'.

Jaggy's double of "5C" was by system for take-out and Rajesh as ever, was thrilled to have an excuse to bid his head off. It all worked like a charm. The Indians chalked up 1540 to add to the other room's 650 - a 20 I.M.P. swing - the largest of the championship and the largest of any BFAME to date.

At the end of the first session India had covered thirty seven of the forty outstanding I.M.P's and were holding the psychological whip. This was our finest hour. This was our moment in the sun.

After that the old, old voodoo once again held sway and India, bruised and battered, was grovelling in the dust.

Sandeep Jain
A-7 Green Peak Extn
New Delhi
Cricket, music, reading, exchange of gifts

Amit K Dayali - 18
Old Junction Road
Near Water Tank
Surendranagar
Cricket, stamps, coins

Sudeep Gupta - 20
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Photography, sports, music, & dancing

Rajiv Ahuja
C/o Pawan Rolling Shutters
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Bharti
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Gujarat
Penpals

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Shillong - 793 001
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Cricket riding swimming, hunting, disco flying

K M Parvez - 22
Deiratex

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Dubai (UAE)
Penpals, dancing, singing, reading, painting, photography

Suresh H - 26
P B No 6454
Ruwi, Muscat
Driving, Sports

Ms Annamma Thomas - 22
P B. No. 6454
Ruwi, Muscat
Penpals, writing, video, sports, friendship

K Ahammed Koya - 25
P B No 169
Muscat
Penpals

Ms Jasmine - 17
P B No 6454
Ruwi
Muscat
Philately, cinema swimming, tennis

S S. MENON - 20
RB/II/982/10
Kolsawadi
Kalyan
Thane Dist
Penpals, reading, cycling, cricket

C K Usman Kutty - 30
P B No 7561
Muttrah
Muscat
Penpals, cooking, swimming, cycling

Manish Durda
Mutukar Road
Apasra Street
Upleta 360 490
Rajkot
Cricket, cycling

Manish R Thakar - 16
6 Patel colony
Sandip
Jamnagar - 361 008
Philately, cricket, view cards penpals

Ashish Kumar Dhar
S/o Maj K K Dhar
37/S/4 Young Road
Opp Cambrain Hall
Dehradun Cantt (U P) 248003
Football, riding & penpals

Yasin U Momin - 18
Opp Shreyas Cinema
Near Rly Station
Nadiad - 387001 (GUJ)
Cricket, music, painting

Sahil Momin - 18
Opp Shreyas Cinema
Outside Tundel Nala
Nadiad - 387001
Cricket, reading, swimming

Aakash Kathane - 15
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Sector I
Bhilai (M P) 490 001
Cricket, fast driving, basket-ball
Mr Raees Ahmad 26,
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Bombay-8
Reading Movies Gazal

Vrajilal Patel - 27
Inspector of Ex & Customs
Bldg 49, Flat No 1950
Sector 7
Antop Hill
Bombay-37
Reading, social service books on religion
D Bhattacharya
B 3/26
Gasta Colony
Paschim Vihar
New Delhi - 110 063
Reading, music penpals, stamps

Sheikh Kaiser - 27
46/8 Shamsulhuda Road
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Calcutta - 700 017
Reading, travelling, music penpals

Amandeep S Khurana - 19
10 Vivek Building
Naupada
Thane - 400602
Travel, music, dancing

- 1 With what sport is the Lance Todd Trophy associated and for what is it given?
- 2 Only one player has won the above trophy twice Who is he?
- 3 What is the width of the English Channel and who was the first man to swim it?
- 4 Was synchroized swimming a part of the first World Swimming Championship held in 1973?
- 5 How many times has England won the Swathling Cup for TT in the men's section?
- 6 Billie Jean King has collected

WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

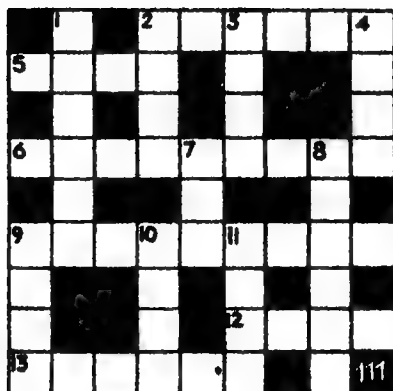
- 20 Wimbledon titles What is the break up of these titles?
- 7 Who was the youngest player to have won the Wimbledon?
- 8 Who won the gold for hockey in the 1960 Olympic Games?
- 9 What was the venue of the third Test of the very first Test series against England in India?
- 10 Who was the first English

cricketer to make his debut at Eden Gardens?

- 11 Who was the Australian captain when they came to India in 1969?

ANSWERS

- 1 Rugby Union, Man of the Match 2 Gerry Helme, Warrington, 1950 and 1954 3 33.9 km, Capt Matthew Webb, Great Britain 4 Yes 5 Once, 1953 6 singles 10 doubles, 4 mixed doubles 7 Lottie Dod, Great Britain 15 yrs 285 days 8 Pakistan 9 Chappauk, Madras 1933 34 10 W H V Levett 1933-34 11 Bill Lawry



ACROSS

- 2 She helped complete the picture of Gavaskar and Viswanath as the prose and poetry of cricket (6)
5 Thing that determines whether

- the bowler has the batsman fishing for the ball? (4)
6 The nearest thing to lbw in tennis? (4 5)
9 Score suggesting that romantic life begins at Rajiv's age? (5-4)
12 The way crowds are staying away how cheap Test tickets may become in the regime of Mr Clean (4)
13 Slasher May surrounding a Nayudu (6)

DOWN

- 1 Dressing gown portraying Hughes on ball (6)
2 It reminds you of Cowdrey and Canterbury (4)
3 Long live Richards! (4)
4 Naik Pai and Wadekar in the Bombay team (4)
7 If it's the boy's pedigree you want Mark is by Mike out of -1 (3)
8 What Chris Evert and Jimmy Connors once were over in London Scottish (6)
9 It's his that determines the

Last week's solution



- content of a Patil innings (4)
10 It was his clockwork like approach that made Ken Barrington - (4)
11 Is it sacrilege to expect a - to play at Lord's? (4)

Q. What is the Test record of Mohinder Amarnath and Kim Hughes?

-Ravi Kumar CS, New Kandla, Kutch

A M Amarnath has played 49 Tests, 83 innings, 7 times not out, 3241 runs, 120 as highest, 8 centuries, at an average of 42.64. He has also taken 29 wkts, at an average of 56.17.

Kim Hughes has played 70 Tests, 124 innings, 6 times not out, 4415 runs, 213 as highest, 9 centuries, at an average of 37.41.

Who is the better opening pair for one-day limited overs cricket of the following - Srikanth and Shastri (India), Greenidge and Haynes (West Indies), and M. Khan and M. Nazir (Pakistan)?

-Murli Kumar Menon, Bhillai, M.P.

A Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes of the West Indies is the best opening pair in one-day cricket at present. They are capable of taking full advantage of the first 15 overs in which only four fielders, excluding bowlers and wk, are fielding in the circle.

Q. What is the width of a cricket pitch? What is the length of a bat and what is the distance of a boundary from the wickets?

-Kuljeet Singh Rehal, Rurka Kelen, 141301.

A. According to Law 7, the pitch shall measure 5ft in width on both

QUESTION BOX

sides of a line joining the centre of the middle stumps of the wickets

According to Law 6, the bat, overall, shall not exceed more than 38 inches in length

The distance between the wickets and the boundary shall not be less than 75 yards

Q. What is the use of the sight-screen in cricket?

-Zia Shiekh, Calcutta.

A The batsman can see the ball very clearly after it leaves the bowler's hand because of the sight-screen. If there were no side-screens, the batsmen would have lost sight of the ball in the background of the spectators sitting opposite.

Q. How many centuries did Ramakant Desai, score and where did he played his first Test innings?

-Manubhai Patel, Balar, Gujrat.

A Ramakant Desai has not scored a century in Test cricket. He made his Test debut against the West Indies in the fifth Test at Delhi in 1959.

Q. Who was the top scorer in

the 1983 World Cup final? How many runs did Viv Richards and Srikanth score in that match?

-Suresh Hande, Chembur, Bombay.

A K Srikanth was the top scorer of that match with 38 runs. Viv Richards scored 33 runs for the West Indies.

Q. What was Madan Lal's performance in the third Test, against the West Indies at Calcutta in the 1974-75 series?

-Jaydeep Chopra, Mahim, Bombay.

A Madan Lal scored 48 in the first innings and 15 in the second. He took four wickets for 22 runs in the first innings and one for 23 in the second.

Q. What is the birth date of Saadiq Mohammad of Pakistan?

-Mansoor Qamari, Hyderabad.

A May 3, 1945

Q. What is the Test record of Tony Greig of England and S.E. Gregory of Australia?

-Vaishnav Bhargava, Nagpur.

A Greig has played 58 Tests, 93 innings, 4 times not out, 3599 runs, 148 as highest, 8 centuries, at an average of 40.43.

Gregory has played 58 Tests, 100 innings, 7 times not out, 2282 runs, 201 as highest, 4 centuries, at an average of 24.53.

MAILBAG

Lillee: entertaining and exciting

DENNIS LILLEE had been known not to pull back a heavy one whether the man steadying the wil low in front of him was his friend or foe

Even after his retirement his book *Over and Out* serialised by you makes merry giving brief caustic sometimes praiseworthy accounts of himself his teammates and the Australian Board

It makes reading his effort so much nicer and entertaining Dennis is not the man to put his cricketing life into one chronological account making the reader stifle a yawn

His has been an exciting life right from the time he took to cricket and he has garnished the book with these exciting moments

Thank you SPORTSWEEK for bringing to us a bright feature in your magazine

Hyginus D Sa
(Dadar Bombay 28)

Touching extract

THE extract on Rod Marsh from Lillee's *Over and Out* was very touching. It was very interesting to note a person of Lillee's stature go sentimental over his pal's achievements on and off the field

According to Dennis if there is only ONE Rod Marsh then it goes without saying that there will NEVER be another Lillee again

-Arta Mishra
Cuttack

How low can they get?

HOW LOW can they get? is an apt heading for those four eye opening pictures published by you of the boorish Jagatjit Cotton Textiles Mills players clearly assaulting the linesman (SW May 22) in the recently concluded Federation Cup soccer tournament

And they have the audacity to complain that the refereeing has not been done in good form JCT have always believed that strength overcome brains and they manage to act boorish not knowing that with a little understanding everything could and can go well

One hopes that the players seen in the photographs get thrown out of their careers because football does not need people who raise their hands on hapless linesmen and

officiating referees people who are only doing their jobs

Nagesh Ramaiya
(Bangalore)



M Rayon being assaulted by a JCT player

Meaningless

THE Federation Cup Soccer tournament has been instituted to decide the champion club of India in which winners and runners up of the State League championships take part with other prominent teams

The inter state and inter club transfer of players take place on or before 15th April throughout the country. If the Federation Cup is not completed before March 31 as was the case this year the tournament becomes meaningless. Most clubs lose the players who have assisted them the previous year the new teams take time to settle down and results in an overall drop in standard of soccer

To make the tournament more competitive the Railways and Services teams should be included rather than including two local teams. This is done for the basketball and volleyball Federation Cup tournament and there is no reason why it cannot be introduced for soccer too

-P K Vijay,
Bangalore

Hughes the rebel

IT was very sad to hear of Kim Hughes involvement in the pro-

posed rebel tour to South Africa by the Australian cricketers. Ultimately, a supposed traditionalist has fallen prey to the lure of the Kruger and

Hughes involvement is all the more depressing since he had all along been supported by the Australian Board and spectators. Of course, in today's world nothing can be shocking

-A.S. Gupte,
Bombay-61

Mama's error

WITH reference to the statistics published on page 28 of Sportsweek (May 15-21), B B Mama has written that India played 19 one day internationals during the 1984-85 season. In fact, India played 21 such matches. The two extra matches were played at Sharjah in the Asia Cup against Sri Lanka and Pakistan

-K S Shurpali,
Hidkal Dam

Usha outstanding

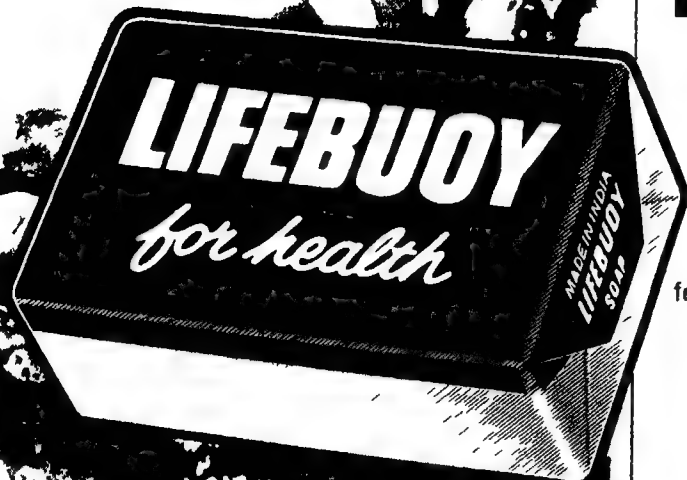
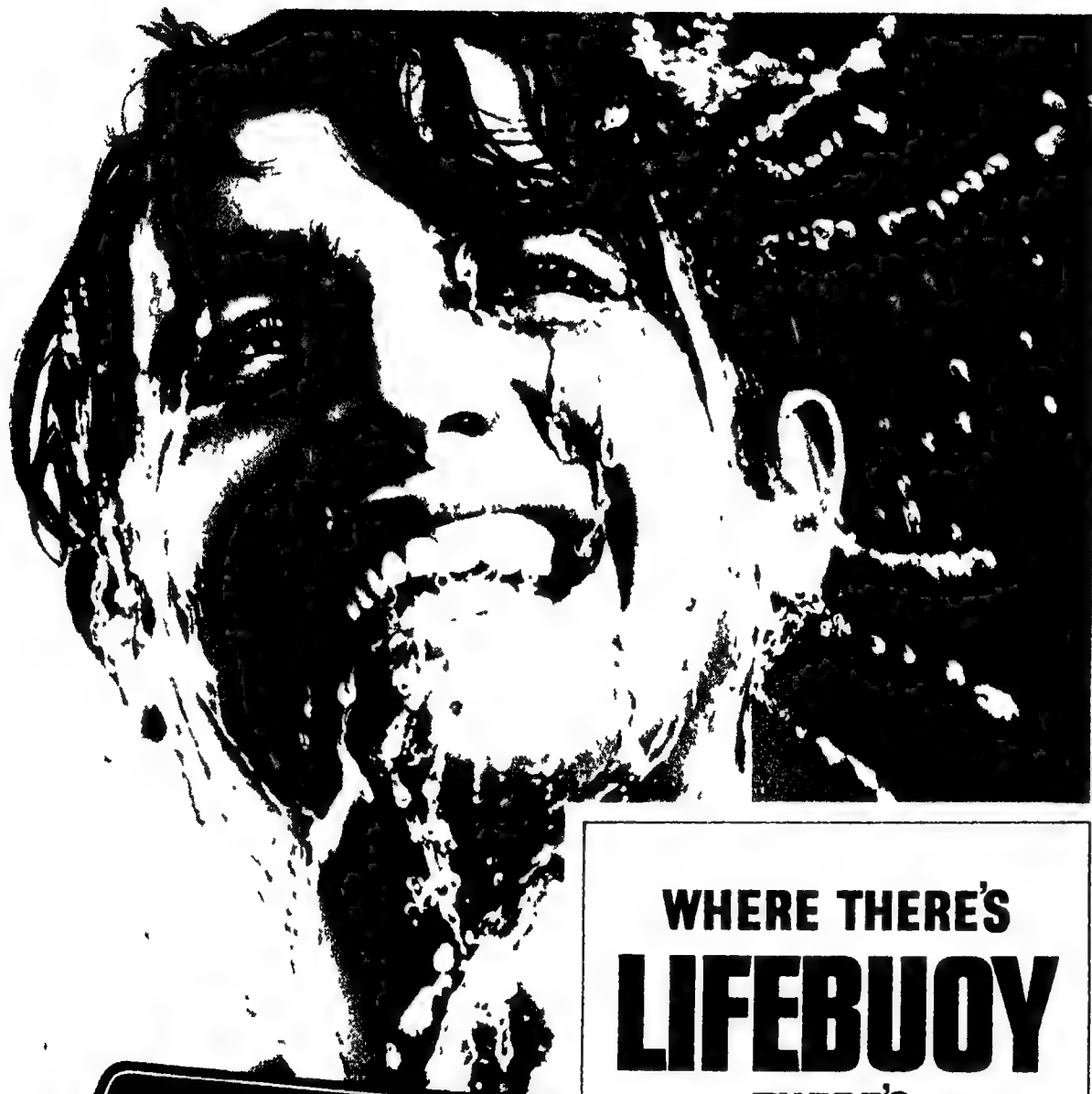
PT Usha's performances in the National athletics at Trivandrum were heartening. She has proved over the last 12 months that she is the outstanding athlete in the country and India's only real hope for a medal in the Asian Games at Seoul next year

The central government should wake up and recognise her talent. The next 12 months are crucial for Usha if she is to do well in the Asiad. She should be afforded all the monetary and coaching assistance she requires. Sustained inter-



national exposure and competition in the forthcoming months will enable her to acquire the confidence and experience which are so essential for a champion. It is time we started caring for our athletes

-P.K. Vijaykumar,
Cochin.

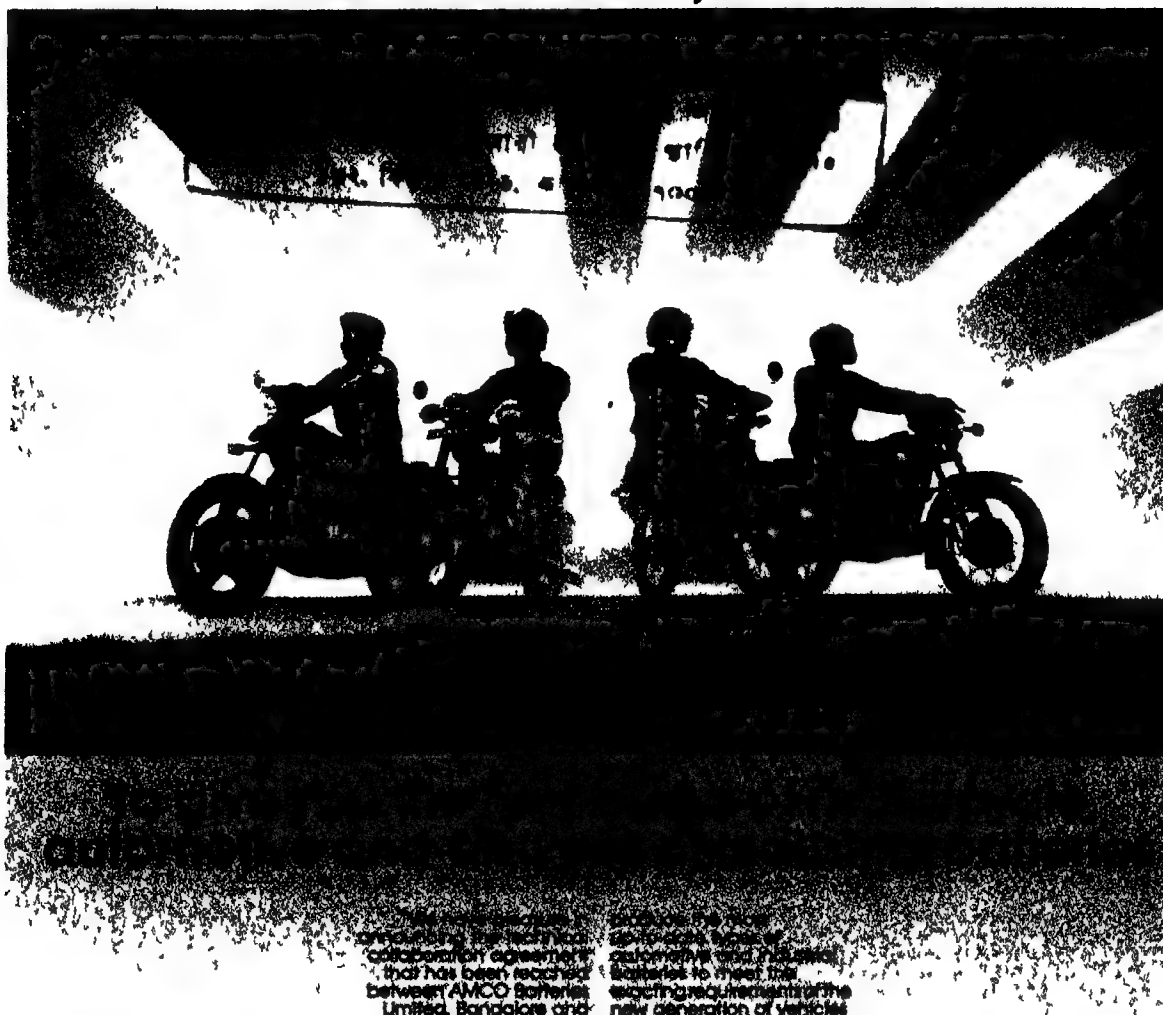


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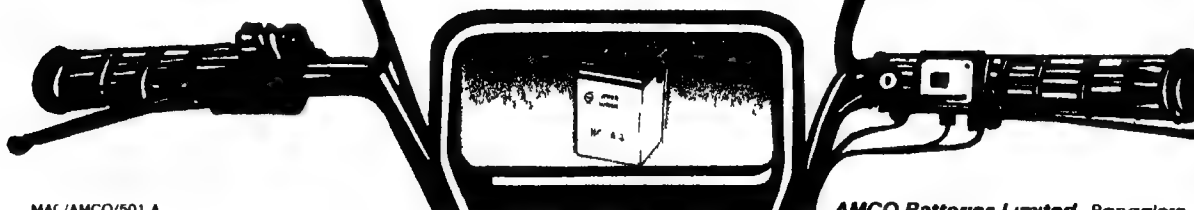
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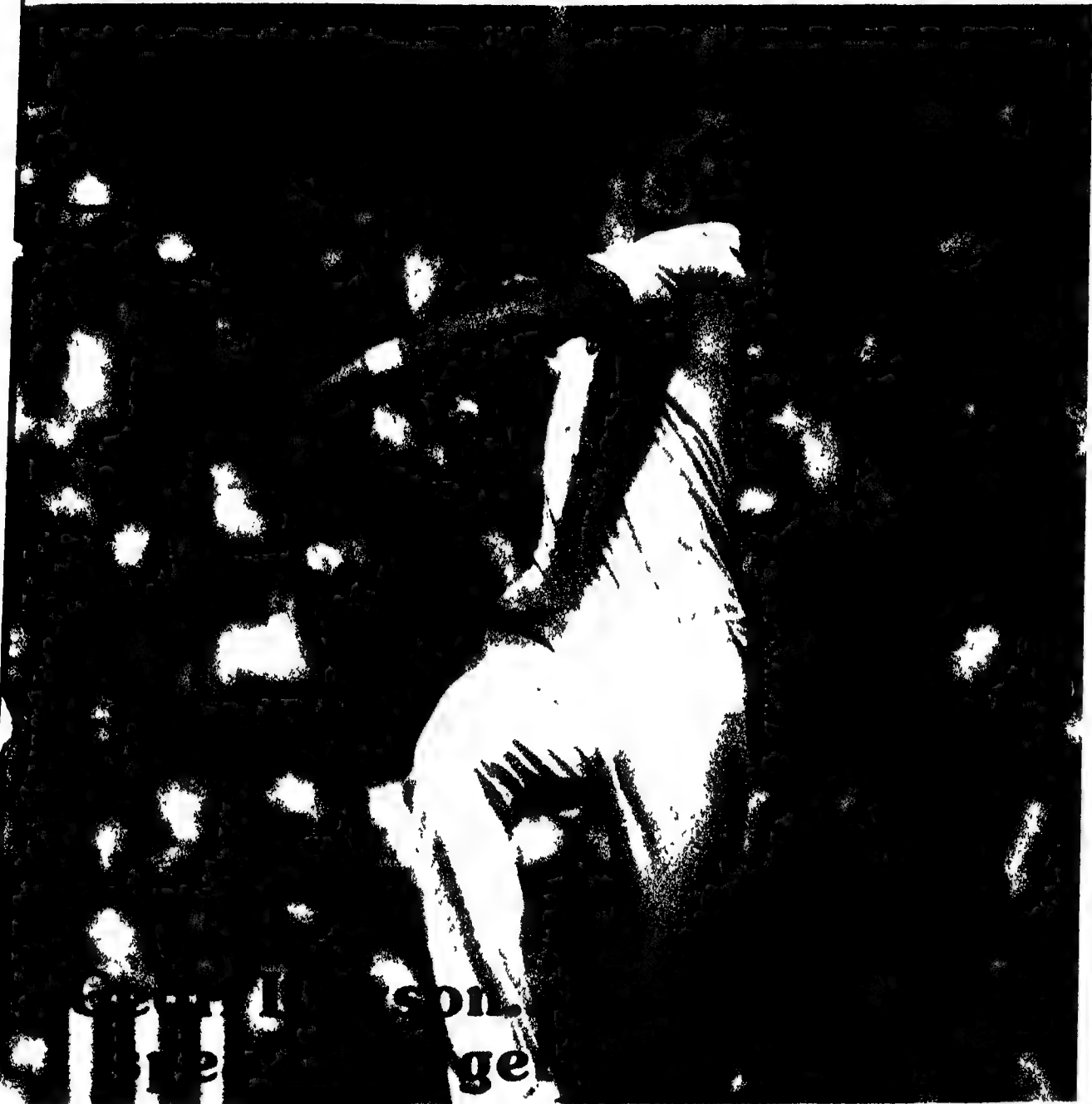
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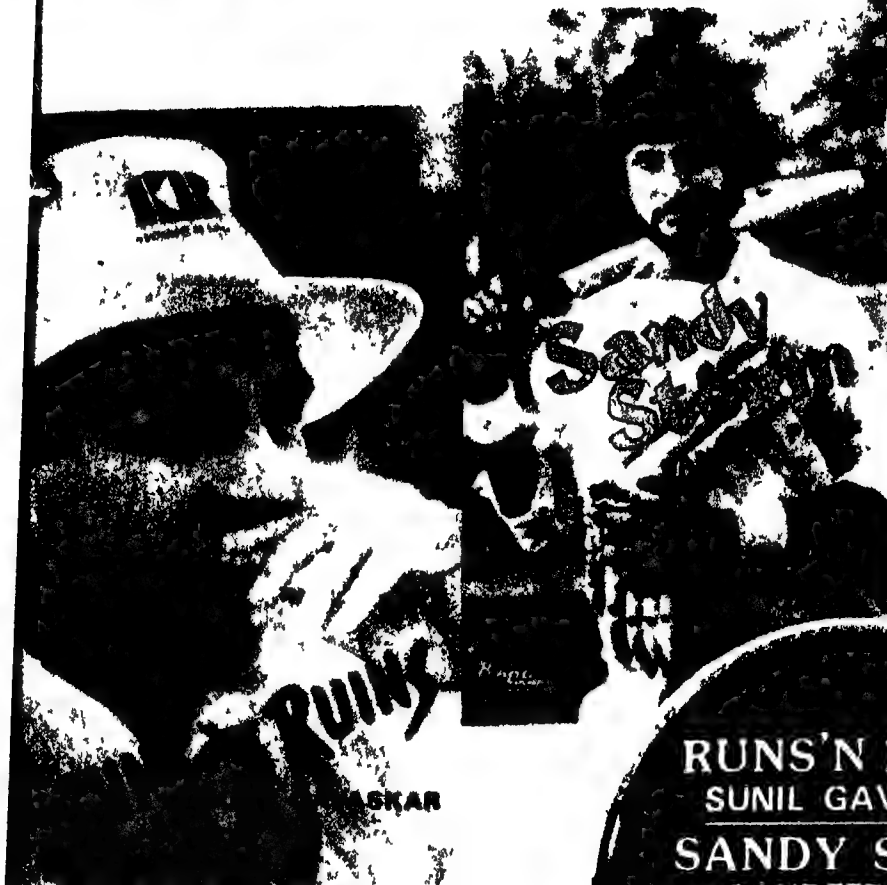


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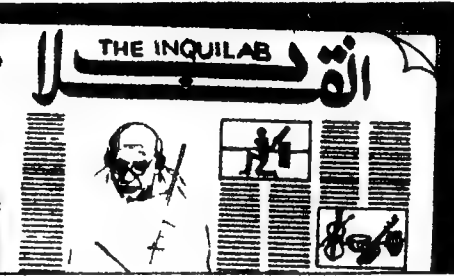
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IN HIS 'Letter from America' Paul Fein, our USA correspondent sends several interesting dispatches on tennis in America and the world, which includes Chris Evert-Lloyd being voted the Greatest American Athlete and how dope tests will help tennis.

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HUMILIATION, after humiliation has been dogging the English team since their Benson & Hedges Cup sojourn. This time the Aussies gave it to them pretty thick when they went two-up in the one-day internationals played on English soil. One wonders what the Tests will hold for the Poms. Pat Gibson and Denis Compton report on the first and second one-days.

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LILLEE has grudgingly given a pride of place to Lawson in his book, and Geoff the ophthalmologist and the Aussie speedster has made Lillee's statement come true, that he is the paceman Aussie can offer after Thommo. A profile on Geoff Lawlor

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WHAT really made those 'barbarians' go berserk on that night in Brussels? It would take time to answer that question. Suffice it is to say that the 'Carnage in Brussels' will linger forever in the minds of the people all over the world, for that was the night soccer died, killed by hooliganism. George Levy reports from Brussels while Vivienne Heston reports from Turin, accompanied with exclusive pics.

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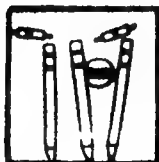
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Ashes to Ashes...

Phil Wilkins welcomes the return of the remarkable Jeff Thomson, now on his third major tour of England



THE last clippings in the Jeff Thomson file of March 1985 read like affectionate obituaries. So

long Thommo and Old Champs Last Hurrah and Farewell Thommo

Well the old champion is back and he is certainly a long long way from the grave. Jeff Thomson had to do some unexpected shopping for new equipment when he received the SOS from the Australian Cricket Board following the disclosure that former Test pacemen Terry Alderman, Rod McCurdy, Carl Rackemann and John Maguire had fallen prey to the temptations of the South African Krugerrand.

The 34-year-old veteran of 49 Tests and 197 Test wickets gave away his gear following the heart-breaking, gut-wrenching Sheffield Shield final in which New South Wales beat Thomson's Queensland team by one wicket at the Sydney Cricket Ground, a result which deprived Queensland of their Shield triumph since they entered the competition in 1927-28.

After that remarkable most memorable of days, Jeff Thomson felt like burning his boots. He gave away his cricketing gear but he would not commit himself to a definite decision on retirement. Almost all took it for granted that it was the end. Only a few close to the man doubted it.

I'm gonna think about it over the winter, he growled, probably of fended by the implication that he was a spent force.

Many people said it, but Thomson would not accept that he was finished. After all, only a few weeks before in December he had taken a first class hat-trick against Western Australia, only the second time it had happened in first class cricket at the Brisbane Cricket Ground.

In 1983-84 Thomson was easily the leading wicket taker of the Sheffield Shield season with 47 wickets at 26.61 and he was not required for Test cricket. Again last season he took 38 first class wickets at just under 30 and still he was ignored.

When he took the hat-trick at the Gabba, Thomson announced with a wry grin he was available for Australia's fourth Test against the



However lethal he was with a ball in his grasp, Thomson was always a man devoid of temperament or malice.

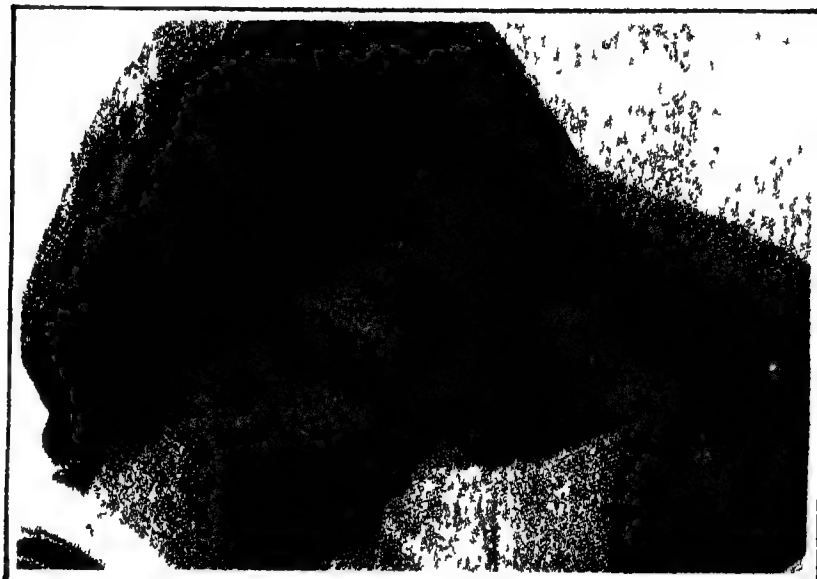
West Indies. The selectors ignored the hint.

At the start of last summer Thomson was included in a 17-man squad under contract to the Australian Cricket Board. This is the contract which will be at the centre of the legal battle between the ACB and the South African Cricket Union and their man in Australia, Bruce Francis.

The call to arms never came. He was ignored for the short tour of India, then for the Tests against the West Indies and finally, not surprisingly, for the limited over internationals of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup and the World Championship.

Save for the cash, omission from the limited-over team would not have disturbed Thomson. It's a 'Mickey Mouse game' according to the fast bowler.

I thought I might have been in



Jeff Thomson: through all his difficulties he remained the smiling, good natured scamp and marvellous team man.



"That there's my home pitch but pray don't go knocking our heads off," Phil Edmunds seems to be saying to Thomson as he introduces him to the Lord's cricket ground

with a chance at the start of the season but when they picked the younger blokes I thought that was it he remarked

But with Australia's second echelon of pace bowlers removed at one fell swoop the Australian selectors turned to Thomson yet again. He may not be the demon of bygone days but in short bursts there are few fast bowlers in the world quicker or more capable of delivering the unplayable ball.

Thomson returned to England for a record equalling fifth time (his third major tour). Only Rodney Marsh has been on as many tours. But he goes with the knowledge that England has not been his happiest hunting ground.

He came into the Australian side against Pakistan after just a handful of first class matches for his original state side NSW played with a badly broken bone in his foot and was not heard of again until the 1974-75 tour by England. That was the start of the legend.

Mike Brearley said of Thomson: Broken marriages, conflicts of loyalty, the problems of everyday life fall away as one faces up to Jeff Thomson. Clive Lloyd said: Thommo's the fastest. The only way to play him is to get down the other end real quick.

In England in 1975 he played in the four Tests for 16 wickets. In 1977 his haul was 23 wickets from five Tests, he was bitterly disappointed to be bypassed for the Centenary Test at Lord's in 1980 although a member of the touring side, and he was virtually discarded from international cricket after wayward performances in the

1983 World Cup

Thommo's been there done that, off the field and on it. His early career was marked by stories of his bloodthirsty nature - he is now a caring affectionate father and assiduous hothouse gardener - of dates with beauties of the world of terrifyingly fast attacks on batsmen of a then fabulously wealthy contract worth \$630,000 to join a Queensland radio station for 10 years abandoned after two years of shoulder injuries sustained when he injured himself playing tennis at Yalumba on a rest day of a Test in

Adelaide and in colliding with teammate Alan Turner, Adelaide, of his bankruptcy when his sports stores failed, and his contractual difficulties when he joined World Series Cricket.

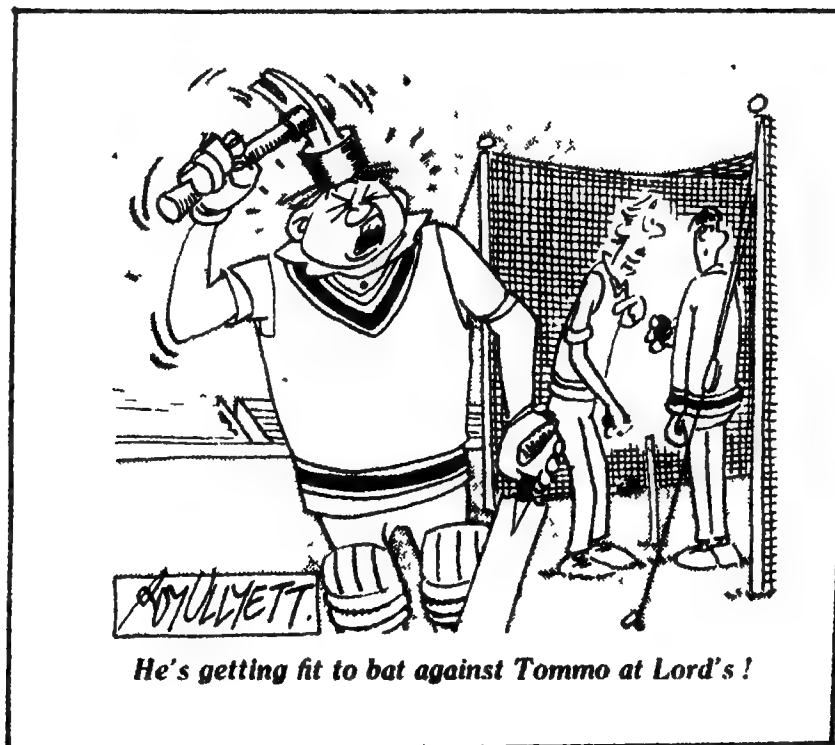
But through it all, Thommo remained the smiling, good natured scamp and marvellous team man. However lethal he was with a cricket ball in his grasp, he remained a man devoid of temperament or malice.

He led Queensland so well in the absence of Allan Border on Test duty that his state selectors were tempted to allow him to retain the leadership of the side at the start of the 1984-85 season. Their hands were forced by the emergence of Border as a leading contender for the Test captaincy with Kim Hughes's repeated failures.

While every Ashes battle is played between Australia and England, the cartoonists' lines will always be remembered from the mid-70s Ashes to Ashes, dust to dust, if Lillie don't get you Thommo must!

One foot in the grave for Jeff Thomson? England's finest will be able to testify to that one way or another during the season. The only cremation Thommo is interested in at the moment concerns the English batsmen who will face the flames in the six Test series.

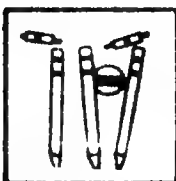
Ashes to Ashes dust to dust if Lawson don't get you
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He's getting fit to bat against Tommo at Lord's!

Dramatic victory for Australia

By Pat Gibson



IAN BOTHAM was still treading the tightrope between hero and villain on his return to international cricket last week

He was all set to become the hero of an England victory in the first of the three Texaco Trophy one day matches at Old Trafford

But he was being labelled as the villain of the piece after Australia had snatched a dramatic three wicket victory with just five balls to spare

The two faces of Botham now sporting the golden locks that match the worldwide reputation were there for everyone in the capacity 21 000 crowd to see on a glorious sunlit day that made a perfect start to the Ashes summer

He batted with the utmost responsibility in keeping with his promotion to the prime position of number five to repair a calamitous start to the England innings

But then just as he was launching the kind of assault that would have put the match out of Australia's reach he got himself out attempting to play a reverse sweep

against the off spin of Greg Matthews

As Bob Willis his former captain turned TV expert said That's Ian He can hit good balls for six or get out playing an atrocious stroke like that - and you have to accept it

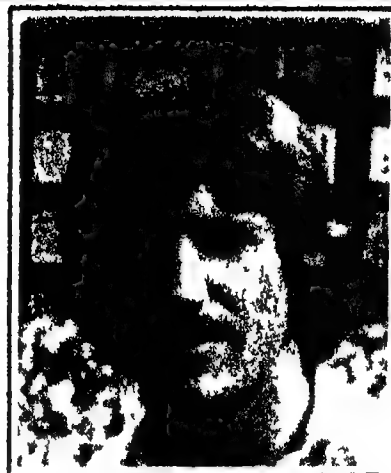
I agree but it was still a shame that such an imposing return after his winter's rest should end like that - even though he still won the £350 man-of-the-match award from adjudicator Brian Statham

For with Botham's departure England lost their last six-wickets for 59 runs to leave Australia a target of 220 which was always going to take a lot of defending

England did their professional best and when Australia's inspirational captain Allan Border was fifth out with 64 still needed off 11 overs it looked as though they would do it

But they had reckoned without Matthews, the 25-year old from New South Wales with the punk hairstyle and gold ear stud who spends his idle moments in the field practising disco dancing

He had punched the air with glee when he bowled Botham - and now he thumped 29 precious runs including a mid wicket boundary off the first ball of the last over from



Ian Botham.. all set to become the hero, he was later labelled as the villain

Norman Cowans to see Australia home

Matthews partner in the crucial unbroken eighth-wicket stand of 34 in five overs was the combative Geoff Lawson - and with due respect to Messrs Botham and Statham would have been my choice as man-of-the-match

It was Lawson who undermined England after poor Graeme Fowler preferred on his home ground to inform opener Tim Robinson, had continued his run of low scores by quickly falling to Craig McDermott

In his fifth over Lawson bowled the increasingly anxious England captain David Gower as he played inside a slower delivery and then produced a beauty that lifted and left Allan Lamb to have him caught behind first ball

England had every reason to be thankful for the return of Botham and Graham Gooch who batted just as responsibly in a fourth-wicket partnership of 116 in 28 overs

Gooch made 57 off 123 balls with five fours on his return to the England side before sweeping carelessly at leg-spinner Bob Holland and top-edging a catch to backward square leg

It hardly seemed a crippling blow since Botham, who had already struck Matthews for six, was cutting loose with a six off Holland to reach his 50 and three more sixes to come as he moved threateningly to 72 off only 82 balls

But then came that dreadful reverse sweep - played, perhaps as a response to seeing Mike Gatting do it in the previous over - and it was as much as Gatting could do to lift England to 219

Scoreboard

ENGLAND

G Gooch c O Donnell b Holland 57
G Flower c Phillips b McDermott 10
D Gower b Lawson 3
A J Lamb c Phillips b Lawson 0
I T Botham b Matthews 72
M Gatting no 31
P Willey b Holland 12
P R Downton c Matthews b Lawson 11
P Edmonds c Border b Lawson 0
P Allott b McDermott 2
N Cowans c and b McDermott 1
Extras 20
Total (54 overs) 219

BOWLING Lawson 10 1 26 4 McDermott 11 0 46 3 O Donnell 11 0 44 0 G Matthews 11 1 46 1 B Holland 11 2 49 2

AUSTRALIA

G M Wood c Downton b Cowans 8
K C Wessels c Botham b Willey 39
D M Welham c and b Edmonds 12
A R Border c Botham b Gooch 59
D C Boon c Botham b Gooch 12
W B Phillips c Gatting b Cowans 28
S P O Donnell b Botham 1
G R J Matthews not out 29
G F Lawson not out 14
Extras (b 2 lb 12 w 4) 18
Total (seven wickets 54.1 overs) 220

DID NOT BAT R G Holland C McDermott
BOWLING Cowans 10 1 44 2 Botham 11 2 41 1 Edmonds 11 2 33 1 Allott 1 0 47 1 Willey 9 1 31 1 Gooch 2 0 1 1

Botham shot outlawed

By Pat Gibson

IAN BOTHAM has been told to cut out that infamous reverse sweep which arguably lost England the first One Day International against Australia.

The play it straight order came from chairman of selectors Peter May on the eve of the second of the three Texaco trophy matches at Edgbaston.

Knowing Botham, who has always been a law unto himself,

Action man blasts back

By Jim Laker

NO ONE tried harder than Ian Botham to beat the Australians and that was the best news of the day for England.

Botham seemed involved in the action virtually throughout the whole of his return to international cricket.

When he ran in to bowl he did it with more determination than we saw all last summer; he looked fitter and to be enjoying it more.

He also took two catches, made some very important stops and was England's top scorer with 72 after going in at a sticky time.

He confirmed to me that he is a better player when he plays himself in rather than immediately launches into his vast array of shots.

It was also very reassuring to see Graham Gooch at the head of England's batting.

He was no doubt nervous after all that's been said and written about his return and was never at his most punishing.

But he did well in the face of a particularly good spell from Geoff Lawson and some pacey efforts from Craig McDermott.

From the Australian point of view, their last over victory proves if nothing else that it's going to be a very close, exciting series of battles this summer.

have no doubt that he will go on playing the game according to the natural instincts that have made him the all rounder he is.

But the reverse sweep did cost him his wicket at Old Trafford when he had made a superb 72 and was on course for a century that would have put the game out of Australia's reach.

And knowing May as well I am equally sure that if Botham gets out in similar circumstances again it will cost him his England place whatever the public outcry.

Mike Gatting, who employed the backhand rather more effectively at

Manchester, has also been told by May that he does not want to see such unorthodox play again.

May himself, one of the most technically correct of all England batsmen, said: 'I have thumbed through the MCC coaching manual and have not found the reverse sweep in it.'

Ian says it has been very successful for him, but I have told him that I was far from happy with it.

I told him that he was a great player and great players don't play that stroke. I never saw Weekes, Worrell or Walcott or Bradman come to that play it. And I just can't see it as a safe shot.

Botham and Gatting would probably argue that those great names from the past did not have to improvise as much as they do today. But they have been warned.

Botham, meanwhile, did not practice after dislocating the little finger of his left hand in the field at Old Trafford.



Botham's infamous sweep - he claims it is very successful for him though it cost him his wicket at Old Trafford

England fall to Border bother

By Denis Compton



MAN-OF-THE-MATCH Allan Border, the m-form Aussie skipper steered his team to a four-

wicket triumph in stark contrast to yet another dismal display from his England counterpart David Gower.

Border's masterly 85 not out paved the way for the Aussies' unbeatable 2-0 lead in the One Day Texaco International series at Edgbaston.

Border, the great improviser came to the rescue of the visitors after a shaky start losing Graeme Wood and Dirk Wellham cheaply. In the company of opener Kepler Wessels who made a useful 57, Border brought order into the Aussie ranks.

Despite losing partners, Border kept one end going. In young Simon O'Donnell, Border found an able ally. O'Donnell, the 21-year-old all-rounder, exhibited the temperament of a veteran in supporting Border. His 28 took Australia to within 10 runs of victory.



Allan Border...came to his side's rescue after a shaky start

A magnificent century from Graham Gooch, his highest score in a one-day international, must not be allowed to camouflage the batting flop by Gower. Sadly, Gower's form has become an embarrassment to the England selectors.

All the great players, past and present, have had their bad times, but I cannot remember anyone continuing in a trough of dismal form for such a long period.

And if he cannot do better; then he must get the selectors off the hook by offering to relinquish the captaincy he has been offered for the first two Cornhill Test matches.

After scoring only three runs against the Australians at Old Trafford he lasted just seven balls at Birmingham and looked like getting out to every one of them.

Eventually, his personal agony ended when he was dismissed by the worst delivery of all.

A short, wild delivery wide of the off stump from Simon O'Donnell saw Gower flash with his arms fully extended and edge a catch to the wicketkeeper.

It was an appalling shot...a shot of desperation and the worst I have seen him play even in his bad times.

But I think he is being cruel to himself batting at No. 3. He has so much flair and it is more important that he gets runs for England than captains the side.

In contrast to the unhappy Gower, Essex ace Gooch played an innings of superb quality. He

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

K C Wessels c and b Willey 57
G M Wood lbw b Cowans 5
D M Wellham lbw b Botham 7
A R Border not out 85
D C Boon b Allott 13
W B Phillips c Gatting b Cowans 14
S P O'Donnell b Botham 28
G R J Matthews not out 8
Extras (lb-13 w-2 nb-1) 16
Total (six wickets, 54 overs) 233
FALL OF WICKETS 1-10 2-19 3-118 4-137
5-157 6-222
DID NOT BAT G F Lawson, C J McDermott, J R Thomson
BOWLING Botham 10-2-38-2, Cowans 11-2-42-2, Allott 10-1-40-1, Willey 11-1-38-1, Edmonds 10-0-48-0, Gooch 2-0-14-0

ENGLAND:

G A Gooch b McDermott 115
R T Robinson c and b O'Donnell 26
D I Gower c Phillips b O'Donnell 0
A J Lamb b Thomson 25
I T Botham c Wellham b Lawson 29
M W Gatting c Lawson b McDermott 6
P Willey c Phillips b Lawson 0
P R Dowson not out 18
P R Edmonds not out 6
Extras (lb-2, w-2, nb-4) 8
Total (seven wickets, 55 overs) 231.
Fall of wickets: 1-83, 2-89, 3-134, 4-193, 5-206, 6-208, 7-216
Did not bat: P J W Allott, N G Cowans
BOWLING Lawson 11-0-53-2, McDermott 11-0-56-2, O'Donnell 11-2-32-2, Thomson 11-0-47-1, Matthews 10-0-36-0, Border 1-0-3-0

emphasised how much England have missed him over the last three years.

He made 115 in 218 minutes off 159 balls, hitting nine fours and a six.

His previous best score in 38 One-Day Internationals was 108.

Gooch set the pattern for his magnificent innings when he struck Geoff Lawson's second ball of the day through the covers for four.

With Tim Robinson preferred to Lancashire's Graeme Fowler, Gooch figured in an opening partnership of 63 at a rate of more than four an over.

Understanding

Robinson is a marvellous runner between the wickets, so important in one-day matches, and he struck up an immediate understanding with Gooch.

What England needed after lunch was an hour of Gooch and Lamb but, unfortunately, Jeff Thomson bowled Lamb in his second over after the resumption.

They had added 65 but now the situation was perfect for the spectacular from Ian Botham, cheered all the way to the wicket by an expectant, packed crowd basking in the sunshine.

Even Gooch, though he continued on his serene way to his century, was finding it difficult to pierce the field. He had only two boundaries in his second 50 but he reached the three-figure mark out of 183 and promptly celebrated with a marvellous 6 over mid-off.

To the crowd's disappointment, Botham went in the next over, splendidly caught at short mid-wicket by David Wellham, for 29.

But that meant that Gatting, a man in such good form, came in with only five overs left and had to let loose from the word go. He holed out to Lawson at long leg, trying to hook McDermott for six but there can be no criticism of either Gatting or Peter Willey who went almost immediately. They had to look for runs.

Gooch's wonderful innings ended in the 54th over but England finished with a flourish—11 runs off the last over, from Thomson. That gave them a total of 231 for seven from their 55 overs.



Graham Gooch...played an innings of superb quality

The game is outgrowing the umpires and that bothers me. I am an easy scapegoat for bad officials but I will be out of the sport in five years and people won't have to worry about me then. I won't have to worry either—but people who care about the game might have to.

—John McEnroe, during the World Team Cup in Dusseldorf.

I gave up worrying what people thought about me years and years ago. My job is to play tennis and give people what they want to see on a tennis court. About four or five years ago I hit a bad patch and I

certainly found out who my friends are. It was the best education of my lifetime.

—Jimmy Connors, on being written off so often.

It made my blood boil. We witnessed that agony and it's worse after 24 hours than it was when we first saw it. I accept full British responsibility for the incident.

—British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, on the soccer violence in Brussels.

I have always been a movie fanatic. If I could, I would see a movie everyday. My idea of relaxation is to see a movie and then have some Indian food. I can't ask for more.

—Vijay Amritraj

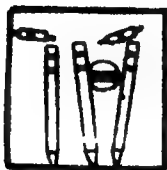
This will be one hell of a good summer. Both teams (Australia and England) have suffered the traumas presented by the West Indians with the ball whizzing around the throat all the time. We have all had enough of that and it will be good to get back towards normality and play cricket as it was designed to be played.

—Australian Captain Allan Border, on the Ashes series.



Jimmy Connors

Triumph for Umrigar



THE Board of Control for Cricket in India has not acted a day too soon in conceding the longstanding and legitimate demands of the cricketers who retired before April 1, 1976

It is a personal triumph for the affable Polly Umrigar who has been leading the crusade for fellow Test cricketers who were not covered by the Benevolent Fund Scheme of the Board

The amount of Rs 2,000 per Test sanctioned by the Board may be inadequate when compared with the invaluable contribution to Indian cricket by many of the past stalwarts but it reflects, how ever belatedly, the appreciation by the Board of their efforts

The beneficiaries include many players of yesteryears who later

migrated to Pakistan. The mode of payment to such players will be decided in consultation with the government

Incidentally, Polly Umrigar is to profit the most and will get Rs 148 lakhs. Other important beneficiaries include Chandu Borde and Vijay Manjrekar (Rs 110 lakhs each), Farokh Engineer Rs 92,000, Vinoo Mankad Rs 88,000, Dattu Phadkar Rs 62,000 and CK Nayudu Rs 16,000

The total amount payable to the Pakistanis is Rs 52,000

The working committee of the Board which took the decision about the payment to the cricketers in New Delhi last week also considered the proposals of the cricket committee headed by Fatesinhrao Gaekwad of Baroda

The recommendations of the committee, referred to yet another committee before they are to be

adopted by the Board, include wide ranging topics

The committee consisting of veteran cricketers and administrators, has covered a lot of ground, taking into consideration many aspects of the game which needed looking into

The most important suggestion is concerning the domestic season, which should not be interfered with by foreign tours and should be confined between October 1 and March 31 according to the committee

Beginning with the Duleep Trophy, the season should have Irani Trophy and Ranji Trophy following in that order. At present the season opens with the Irani Trophy

Some other important recommendations include the holding of One Day Internationals at the end of a Test series on a triangular basis, the revitalising of the Vizzy Trophy, the early finalisation of playing conditions and the inclusion of a physiotherapist in the place of the second official for a tour

One only hopes that these proposals are implemented by the Board as soon as possible. Most of these problems have been causing concern to the followers of the game

When Sunil Gavaskar met Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi after India's triumph in the World Championship of Cricket in Australia, the master batsman used the opportunity to thank the PM for the ready assistance offered to the late Dattu Phadkar

The PM, according to Gavaskar, said the government was willing to come to the aid of all the old and needy sportsmen and was interested in forming a policy for the purpose

Gavaskar has been asked to come out with concrete proposals on the subject. The little master, in turn, wants readers and sportsmen to send him their suggestions

These suggestions can be sent to Gavaskar through **SPORTS WEEK**

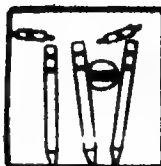
THE SPORTING LIFE



THAT WAS THE DUMBEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN... I CAN'T BELIEVE HE TRIED THAT SHOT WITH A FIVE-IRON...

GEOFF LAWSON

Aussie spearhead



THE hunt for the new Dennis Lillee by the Australian Board will have ended last season Geoff Lawson has

taken over from his illustrious predecessor in the series against the West Indies. This observation, by most critics, clothed though it was in sarcasm following Lawson's verbal bout with Viv Richards in the third Tests, contained more truth than is immediately evident or even acceptable to those for whom Lillee was a deity.

In his last four series, Lawson has taken 93 wickets (34 in five Tests against England in 1982-83, 24 in five against Pakistan in 1983, 12 in five against the West Indies in West Indies) later that same season and finally 23 in the last series against the West Indies at home. It is a record which even Dennis Lillee would have been proud of. Barring a disappointing series in the West Indies, Lawson has taken the maximum wickets for Australia in the series in which he has participated, playing the role of spearhead to perfection. And if his form on the current tour of England is any indication, the trend is likely to continue.

Lawson's development as a fast bowler since his debut in 1980 against New Zealand has been quite spectacular, if viewed in the proper perspective, for he sat out a couple of seasons to get a degree in optometrics. An out and out fast bowler to start with, over the relatively short period of four years, Lawson has honed his talents to a fine degree of efficiency and is now a 'complete' fast bowler. The big inswinger, the late outswinger, the unexpected bouncer, subtle changes in pace, and a lethal swinging yorker, delivered at a slower pace than normal give him enough variety to be penetrative and difficult to score off.

Lawson came to India as a replacement for the injured Alan Hurst in 1979 but did not play a Test. After a poor debut, he had to spend a year in the wilderness before being selected for the tour of England in 1981. Injuries and the

good form of Terry Alderman as Lillee's opening partner stalled Lawson's progress till the third Test. But when he did get a chance, he bowled superbly to take seven wickets for 81. He could not quite match this performance in the remaining Tests and in the 1981-82 season at home found himself out in the cold again.

Lawson's comeback trail begins with the series against Pakistan in 1982. On the bland, lifeless pitches at Karachi, Faisalabad and Lahore which reduced even a bowler of Thomson's pace to a no-hoper, Lawson bowled with great skill and stamina to take the highest number of wickets for his side, compelling

the great Imran Khan, then leading Pakistan, to state that Lawson had the makings of a great fast bowler.

A fierce competitor, and a determined, ambitious man, Lawson has strived hard over the next couple of years to add truth value to Imran's judgement. A classic side on action and a drawing final delivery stride make Lawson one of the most exciting sights in modern cricket.

He adds a little to this excitement for the spectators with his tantrums on the field. But the Australian supporters and even the English cricketers well realise that that is just a fraction of Lawson's ability in the middle.



Daley – make no mistake, he's Britain's best

DALEY THOMPSON may be an upstart or a braggart or both. But make no mistake. He has got the public firmly on his side. In a recent poll for the Charrington Hall of Fame Thompson emerged a winner by a sweeping margin of 9000 votes as the greatest post war British track and field athlete.

Thompson's left Olympic 15000 metres champion and multiple world record holder Sebastian Coe way behind. Coe in turn just edged out the first sub four minute miler Sir Roger Bannister.

The result of the poll was amazing especially with the votes coming not from athletic specialists but the general sports loving public.

Thompson was relaxing after some hard training at Haringey Stadium when he got news of the vote. I hope you tell them (the newspaper readers) you were missed, he told one reporter. Thompson obviously does not think much of media men.

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The problem with presenting a character like Thompson with the news that he has won an award is that he is likely to find it almost intrusive. He appreciates the accolade considers it as something of a tribute to all decathletes but remains and always will remain a very private person in spite of being an international champion of all round ability.

Filming a television series in Los Angeles about a black detective has kept Daley hopping the Atlantic recently. He says it is fun up to a point, hopes it won't be shown in Britain. It doesn't really compare, he points out with the pleasure of training.

The man who probably spends more time on training alone than any other top sportsman in the world still loves to work out and find out how to improve 10 times out of 10.

I hope to do a couple of decathlons this season, he revealed. I want to be where all the big guys are in the event and that means basically Germans and Russians.

Hope his old rival Jurgen Hingsen is listening.



Daley Thompson Britain's star

THE SPORTING LIFE



WELL, ARNOLD, THERE GOES YOUR LAST EXCUSE FOR NOT GOING HIKING WITH ME...

Trinidad and Tobago Govt. mellow

TRINIDAD and Tobago have announced recently that they would allow entry to England cricketers who have completed a term of suspension for playing in South Africa. The foreign minister of Trinidad and Tobago announced this decision after attending a meeting of Caribbean foreign ministers.

The minister Errol Mahabir said that the ministers had reaffirmed the determination of member countries to observe the Gleanagles Commonwealth agreement on combating apartheid in sport.

The West Indies Cricket Board had advised governments that some players to be selected for England's tour of West Indies next year may

have completed a three years suspension from international sport for playing in South Africa

If any player goes to South Africa in the future we feel he should be suspended for life Mahabir said In terms of cricketers from other nations we felt that they had the right to apply any sentence they wished although we would like to see much stronger penalties

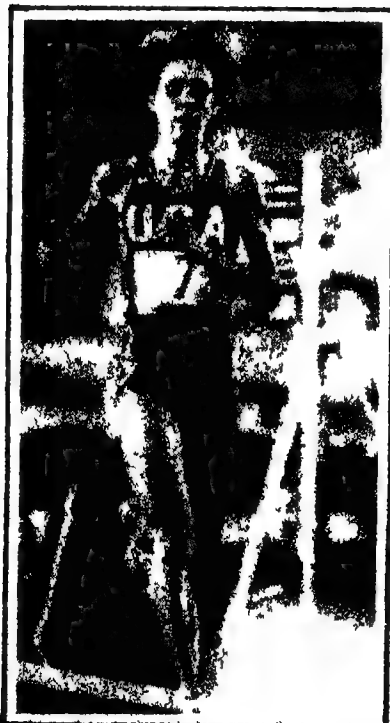
Guyana which was at the centre of the storm four years back when it banned Robin Jackman from entering the republic along with the English cricket team has reiterated that it will not admit England cricketers who have played in South Africa

New coach for Decker

MARY DECKER Slaney the Golden Girl of American athletics has ended her four year association with her coach Dick Brown We mutually decided that it was in our best interests to discontinue our association said Brown

Brown went on to say that he and Slaney differed philosophically My interpretation was that Mary felt she needed to run faster and I felt she had to run fast enough he said

Mary is now being coached by Luiz de Oliveira the 35 year old Brazilian who teetered Joaquim Cruz to the 800 metres gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympics last year



Mary Decker...mutual disconti-



Indian tennis star Ramesh Krishnan married Priya in Madras on May 31 1985 Priya is the daughter of V K Seshayee, an industrialist

Troublesome ankle to keep Fignon out

LAURENT Fignon the French cyclist who has won the Tour de France the toughest cycle race in the world for the last two years will miss this year's race He is to undergo an operation for tendonitis on his troublesome left ankle

After resuming training gradually Fignon is once again suffering from tendonitis affecting the Achilles tendon in his left ankle explained a spokesman from his team management

Fignon 24 won the event at his first attempt two years ago and largely dominated the pack last year He would have started a strong favourite for this year's Tour which begins on June 28

Fignon has said that he would put the emphasis this season the spring classics such as the Paris Roubaix but injury forced him to withdraw from most of the races in the past few weeks

Davis included in 'Who's who'

THE celebrated bible of the great and the good - Who's Who - the people who are really reckoned to rule the roost has just been published There are two sportsmen who have been included in this year's list Snooker star Steve Davis and Jockey John Francome

Steve Davis, who recently lost his world title to Dennis Taylor lists his

hobbies as keeping fit chess listening to jazz and soul records and reading Tom Sharpe novels when he can drag himself away from the snooker table

John Francome with his record 1036 jumping wins is included for the first time

Missing from the list England's most famous and exciting cricketer Ian Botham



Steve Davis, the snooker star who was beaten by Taylor in the world title

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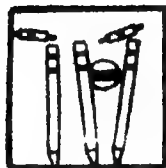
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Hurry up, don't wait till the last date.

Bonanza for Boycott



PUDDLES were forming on the cricket square at the Abbeydale Club in Sheffield last week, but it was raining pennies from heaven for Yorkshire's Geoffrey Boycott.

The most controversial man in cricket is now the richest because his testimonial year brought in a world record £147,954.

The first day of Yorkshire's game against Essex may have been a washout, but that is the last description to apply to the fun-raising efforts that swelled Boycott's personal fortune.

It smashes for six the previous Yorkshire record set when David Bairstow raised almost £57,000 in 1982.

It is worth recalling that three Yorkshire beneficiaries of the early 'sixties—Brian Close, Fred Trueman and Ray Illingworth—pulled in barely £24,000 between them.

Unfortunately for future generations of professional cricketers the

Inland Revenue are also becoming well aware of the crocks of gold now on offer.

Boycott's windfall will be tax free as has been the custom and practice for benefits and testimonials at all county cricket clubs.

To earn £147,954 after paying tax Boycott would have had to have been paid £348,000 in a normal job.

But the rumblings are about the tax man noticing the remarkable scale of such cash drives these days.

Benefits and testimonials are no longer a modest round of dances and whist drives to beef up the cash raised from collections at cricket matches.

An army of fund raisers went to work on a massive scale on behalf of Boycott and Ian Botham his Team mate as far as the cash front was concerned last summer.

Boycott's personal fortune is now reckoned to stand at around half a million pounds.

At his peak as a Test player, he was earning well in excess of £50,000 a year from various sources.

He has been on a contract with Yorksre than any other player in the team, including the captain, Bairstow.

He has enjoyed lucrative sponsorship contracts with Slazenger and Gola.

He has appeared in travel advertisements.

He has put his name to five books.

He has had commercial tie-ups with a firm who make contact lenses.

He earned an estimated £40,000 from the rebel tour of South Africa and £20,639 from his benefit in 1974.

Boycott drives a sponsored car and has even had working holidays provided free through commercial tie-ups.

He owns outright his beautiful house and, in fact, as Yorkshire are the tenants of the Rugby League club who play at Headingley. Geoffrey Boycott is worth enough to buy his own club out twice over.

His comment last year: "I am very grateful to all the people who have helped and contributed so generously."

But the wealth of the greatest living Yorkshireman has to be put into perspective alongside the earnings of another controversial sportsman, John McEnroe pulls in about £5m a year.

TIM TAYLOR

Sacking fear for Cowdrey

ENGLAND cricketer Chris Cowdrey could face the sack as captain of Kent after being banned from the road last week for a drink-drive offence.

He told magistrates at Ramsgate, Kent: "I won't lose my job now, because we are a quarter of the way through the season, but a ban may jeopardise it for next season."

All-rounder Cowdrey, 27, son of legendary batsman Colin, was banned for a year and fined £150 with £10 costs when he admitted driving with excess alcohol in Broadstairs last September, after an end-of-season party for the Kent team.

The court heard that Cowdrey was speeding and his car appeared to be swerving.

He was found to have 55 micrograms of alcohol to 100 millilitres of breath. The legal maximum is 35 micrograms.

Cowdrey, of Croydon Road, Caterham, Surrey, said he would now have to move nearer Kent's Canter-



"I thought a batsman's box was something quite different!"



NEWS FOLIO...NEWS FOLIO...

NEW DELHI:

THE BOARD of Control for Cricket in India harkens to the suggestions mooted by former chairman of selectors, Polly Umrigar and announces a scheme which will benefit old cricketers

The BCCI would be giving Rs. 2000 per unofficial and official Test to the cricketers not covered by the cut-off date of April 1, 1976 of the earlier scheme. Six former Test cricketers who later became Pakistan citizens will also benefit from the new scheme

NEW DELHI:

MOHAMMED SHAHID, the crack inside-left, was named skipper of the Indian hockey team for the four nation BMW hockey tournament to be played at Amsterdam. Shahid later with-

the Garware Club championship. Earlier his brother Subhash had beaten Geet Sethi to win the billiards title

BRUSSELS:

ONE OF THE darkest hours in European sporting history were witnessed here, when clashes between Italian and British soccer fans result in the death of 41 people and leave over 250 injured

The venue was the Heysel stadium at Brussels and the occasion, the European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus Turin. The clashes began an hour before the final when British fans began pelting the Italian and neutral spectators with fireworks and bottles, creating panic and mayhem and leading to the collapse of a wall at the bottom of the

stands which buried numerous spectators

Play began 90 minutes later, and Juventus won the final through a solitary penalty conversion by French star Michel Platini. But by then very few people were bothered about the match

OLD TRAFFORD:

AUSTRALIA win the first one day international against England in a thrilling climax. England were bowled out for 219 off 54 overs with Ian Botham with a typically hard hit 72 and Graham Gooch, making his return to international cricket with 57 being the main scorers. Geoff Lawson, with four for 26 was the main wicket taker for Australia

Australia scrape through for a win with five balls to spare largely



Mohd. Shahid... opts out

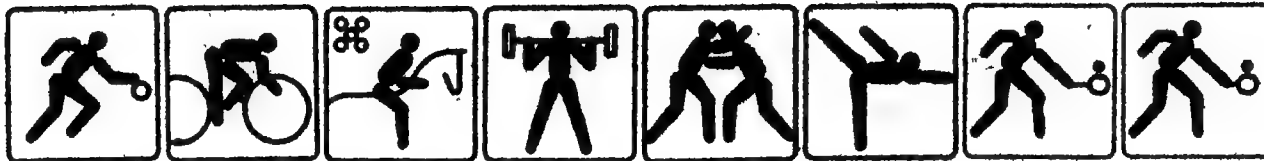
drew from the tournament because of personal reasons and Vineet Kumar was named skipper instead. The six players banned by the FIH and Zafar Iqbal were not considered.

BOMBAY:

OM AGARWAL, the world amateur snooker champion, beats Sanjay Sawant by five frames to four in a thrilling final to win



An Italian fan who was injured is hugged by his weeping son in the 'Carnage at Brussels'. The picture shows...



NEWS FOLIO...NEWS FOLIO...

due to skipper Allan Border (59), Wessels (39), Wayne Phillips (28) and Greg Matthews (28 not out)

EDGBASTON:

TWO DAYS later, Australia clinch the one-day series with another exciting win over England. The heroes for Australia are skipper Border again, who steers his side to a win with a brilliant unbeaten 85 and all rounder Simon O'Donnell. For England Graham Gooch

scores a dominating 115, but the others do little on a placid wicket and England's total of 231 proves totally inadequate for the inspired Australians.

MADRAS:

INDIAN DAVIS Cup star, Ramesh Krishnan marries Priya, daughter of an industrialist. The marriage is attended by India's Davis Cup captain, Vijay Amritraj.

LONDON:

WEST INDIES captain, Viv Richards, makes the highest individual score in English County cricket for 36 years. Richards, in an awesome display of powerful strokes hammers the Warwickshire attack for 322 out of 566 for 5 declared for Somerset, his highest score in first class cricket.

The innings took only 290 minutes and 258 deliveries in which Richards hit no less than 42 fours and eight sixes.



Viv Richards... highest individual score



Tamil Nadu speedster T.A. Sekhar recently tied the bridal knot with Prabha at Madras. Leading cricketers and officials attended the wedding.



Lintas won the Commercial Artists' Guild (CAG) Cricket shield in Bombay recently. They beat Chaitra by 10 runs in the final.

June 9-15, 1985

By Bejan Daruwalla

ARIES:

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS are a must for you, as you will be slightly accident prone. Hockey, badminton and bowling find you in your element, 12 to 14. Rest and relaxation absolutely essential on the 10th and the 15th.

TAURUS

A **DIRECT GOAL** hit, an ace, a terrific dash for the tape, is how Ganesha looks it for you. For professional sportsmen, an offer, a bait, will be dangled. Letters and good news complete the scene for you. A trip is likely.

GEMINI

SPRINTERS, centre forwards, and wrestlers will have that extra pep which makes for victory. On the 10th, take it easy, maybe because parental posers will cloud your enthusiasm. Make it a habit to practise in a rather relaxed manner.

CANCER

SWIMMERS, long-distance runners (1,500 and over), and weight lifters have it made because Mars, the energiser, moves into your sign. A few distractions are good for you though. You could have a weight

problem which has to be resolved.

LEO

BATSMEN, football players, and those interested in squash should take it a wee bit easy on Saturday and Sunday. Tuesday through Thursday, you can look forward to a sparkling century in more ways than one. Got the message, buddy? Friday for finance.

VIRGO

THE FORWARD drive, the drop shot exquisitely done, in life and sports, will do the trick now. Health-wise, it won't do to be too tense. You see, pressure of work will be considerable now. For those who specialise in doubles, improved understanding takes top priority.

LIBRA

IF INTERESTED in chess, racing, games of chance, and the intelligent game of bridge, you are advised to hone up on your skills in June itself, thanks to the placing of the Sun east, go in for recreation.

SCORPIO

DEEP-SEA DIVERS, cricketers, swimmers, strike it rich and happy now. Coaches will have

excellent response from sportsmen. Do follow your intuition. There is a distant possibility of injury and pulled muscle, because the moon will be in an unfavourable position around mid-week or so.

SAGITTARIUS

HASSELES ON the domestic front might disturb the concentration of sportsmen and consequently, they might miss a sitter. Best way out is prayer and meditation. 11 to 13 you must entertain in style those who use the levers of powers. Learn, in other words, to be practical and pragmatic.

CAPRICORN

DESPITE MINOR health complaints, boxers, cricketers, tennis players, make it in style. It would be a good thing to start yoga now as it makes for happy knees and quicker reflexes and finer timing. Friday and Saturday, entertain in style but not in strength please! Understood?

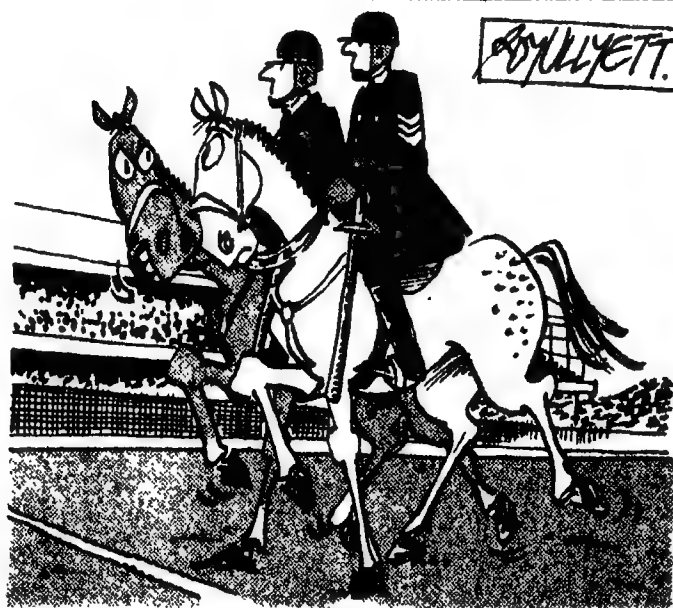
AQUARIUS

THOSE SPORTSMEN and players who want to switch partners, can do so now. For the reader too, a job switch is possible. If in for competitive game or play or sports, 11 to 13, ideal for the sweet smell of success. But the first two days, you might feel a wee bit below the weather. All in the game.

PISCES

MOON'S LAST quarter poses health hazards, specially for swimmers, sprinters, runners, footballers (Pisceans are prone to feet and leg trouble). Relax and take precautions on the 9th, 10th, 15th, please. Money on hand mid-week, makes you happy. You deserve it too! Sure!

Our astrologer, Bejan Daruwalla, who was with The Asiatic Chronicle for the Asian Games and consequently went to Pakistan on invitation for his remarkably accurate prediction, namely, the yachting success of the Avaris of Pakistan, is launching this exclusive and unusual weekly forecast, covering both sportsmen and readers. Bejan says, give me a month to really warm up and watch how I dribble and slide it into the goal with the right



Personally, I wouldn't allow any colt of mine to join the police and watch soccer!



LILLEE OVER AND OUT!

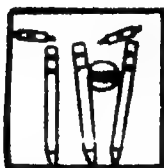
By Dennis Lillee

critics, a larrikin. The tag never cost me any sleep because the critics were welcome to their words so long as I could express myself in bowling deeds.

I never tried to bottle up my emotions and I'm certain that if I had, I would have been a lesser bowler for it.

Inevitably, I am asked (particularly in retirement) to nominate the

THE SPEED MACHINES



FAST BOWLERS have often been described – and rightfully, I think – as a species apart. The quickie is adored or despised. Rarely does he fit the in-between category.

I chose to be a member of the species because of my youthful admiration for the skills of these men and a desire which became an obsession to emulate them.

Fast bowlers are men of temperament and I don't believe captains would want it any other way. They are the first men on display in any cricket match and every eye is upon them. No matter how spectators may behave thereafter, the quickie has their undivided attention in those electric opening overs.

Indeed, those overs so often dictate the course of a Test match or an entire series and the fast bowler is constantly aware of the weight of responsibility on his shoulders. A wasted new ball is a huge bonus to the enemy, a huge psychological plus. On the other hand, quick early wickets when the ball is moving about can have the foe on the run and fighting a rearguard action for

Fronting up in the second innings is an altogether fresh demanding burden for the fast bowler, as his body feels anything but fresh. The result of the huge first-innings effort comes in the form of stiffness, soreness and tiredness and in the words of a great bowler and friend of mine, Max Walker, 'you can feel as though a steamroller has gone over you'. But unlike most sports, that maximum effort is required again, if not more importantly, some couple of days later. I don't know of any other sport, except athletics, where such a demand is so consistently made on a performer.

Yes, much depends on the quickie and he knows it only too well. So forgive him, if you will, his shows of temperament and petulance. With the exception of the skipper and the batsmen, he is under more mental pressure than any other player on the field. And if he must let a little of the strain escape, then so be it.

My on-field temperament landed me in as much hot water as perhaps any other player, here or overseas, in my era. I don't regret it because that was the way of Dennis Keith Lillee. When the heat of battle got to me, I simply boiled over, thereby becoming in the eyes of many

greatest fast bowlers of my time. The tidest – although not the easiest – way is to restrict the list to a top 10. It is a nice round figure but I'd have preferred to make it the top 11 to include Rodney Hogg. I have enormous respect for Hogg as a bowler, a man and a mate, and I know what he has been through to devote himself to his trade. But 10 it is, so Rodney unfortunately has to miss out.

I stress that the players on my list are all men whose careers have already unfolded. I have not considered those still in puberty, as it were. For this reason, Geoff Lawson does not get a guernsey. Geoff is a magnificent bowler for whom I have the highest regard but his best years are still ahead of him. If I were writing this chapter in, say, four or five years, he might well be one of the first cabs off the rank, as might the Windies' Malcolm Marshall.

With the rate at which Test matches are being played today, Geoff Lawson could easily become one of the most prolific wicket-takers in Test history – unless, that is, his professional obligations as an optometrist lure him from the game. Either way, he will have a magnificent record.



Andy Roberts "most complete fast bowler I've ever seen"

- My top 10 quickies in order are
- 1 Andy Roberts Antigua West Indies
 - 2 John Snow Sussex England
 - 3 Jeff Thomson NSW Queens and Australia
 - 4 Michael Holding Jamaica West Indies
 - 5 Imran Khan Lahore Pakistan
 - 6 Richard Hadlee Canterbury New Zealand
 - 7 Joel Garner Barbados West Indies
 - 8 Graham McKenzie W.A. Australia
 - 9 Bob Willis Warwickshire England
 - 10 Kapil Dev Haryana, India

Andy Roberts was always so much of a mystery man. He has a slight wispy beard, an intimidating stare and an imposing physique 5ft 10ins. and 186lbs of steel set

in concrete. As a bowler, Andy was never a efforts as Michael Holding, but executed his deliveries so well that he always seemed to have something in reserve.

Andy tops my list mainly because I consider him the most complete fast bowler I have seen. He had everything. He was mean in his approach to batsmen. He would give them his Rasputin glare if they scored off his bowling.

Roberts was also fast, damn fast. He might have replaced his fast ball with a little more guile as he got older, but in his early days he was frighteningly quick. His line and length were immaculate and his variation was brilliant. He had in swing, out swing, a magnificent off cutter and a superb yorker. He also had a great bouncer or should I say a great couple of bouncers.

Roberts had a quick bouncer. The

second was noticeably slower, devised to deceive the batsman – and with great effect. The old one-two was a lethal combination.

I believe Andy Roberts was a vital part of the West Indies renaissance in world cricket. He gave them determination. For a time the Windies had a reputation for collapsing under pressure – it certainly happened often enough when they played us. But all that changed. They became mean and tough. I'm convinced Andy had a lot to do with that change of attitude.

John Snow once wrote of himself: "I'm a boy who weaves webs of fairytales." It was from a published book of Snow's poems when the England tearaway was at the peak of his power. Well, I don't know about fairytales, but he was surely one of the game's ornery characters. When you put a cricket bat in a hand

Snow, with the fast bowler I came to know, whom I would regard as exceptional, was young and impressionable at the time, but I had a good year. I know a crick when I saw it. I would have liked to live on the different trip between Snow and Andy Roberts. Snow was a batsman who could attack or defend depending on instructions. He never gave anything away. He tried the ball innocently in just about a length, inevitably coming up short, but in a sub-age his bowler, at his time in attitude, too, to run off a ball which really isn't that much shorter than his usual delivery.



Jeff Thomson Australia



Michael Holding...panther-like grace

While Snow could swing the ball away (and I don't think he ever had an in swinger) his best delivery was his off cutter. Another thing which seemed missing from the Snow kit bag was a good yorker but perhaps with so much expertise in all other departments he simply didn't need it.

When Snow came out to Australia in World Series Cricket days he was really a spent force. He spent most of his time up country playing in the Cavaliers team. Of course he joined WSC after spending a couple of seasons in the wilderness as far as the England side was concerned, for reasons I'd always thought to be disciplinary. Maybe flouted authority once too often.

If that was the reason, then the English cricket establishment did its country a great disservice by forcing him into what amounted to premature retirement from Test cricket. Snow was one of the finest fast bowlers of our time. Any batsman who faced him anywhere in the world will vouch for that.

I don't think a fellow of Jeff Thomson's make-up is about to admit to the ravages of old age. When he was left out of the Australian programme in the 1983-84 summer and passed over again for the tour of the West Indies, Thomson acknowledged it with his usual grace.

'It's a bloody joke', said Thomson after the team for the Windies had been announced. 'I should be in the team. Somebody ought to ask the West Indians if they like facing me.'

'Thommo' went on to say that he thought he was as quick as ever and bowling as well as ever. But like it or not, Jeff wasn't even the standby bowler for the West Indies tour. That honour went to Rod McCurdy, a relatively unknown Victorian.

Still, it is far too early to be writing Thommo's obituary. I speak with a bit of authority here because a lot of people were prepared to write mine a long while before I was prepared to tuck myself into the coffin.

How true! Lillee's predictions came true when Thommo was called back to assist Australia for the Ashes series this month.

Jeff Thomson and I are mates of many years and I like to think that our partnership as the opening attack brought a little joy to Australians.

Looking back, I guess Jeff was the only Australian fast bowler to whom I ever happily played second fiddle. At his peak, he was the most explosive, lethal and unplayable bowler I have seen. His ball pitched just short of a length and would rear so sharply that even the lofty Adam's apple of beanpole Tony Greig was in constant danger. His bouncer was downright fearsome. And his yorker – the ball he fondly described as his 'sandshoe crusher' – was legendary. It was, as commentators are wont to say, a 'brute of a ball'.

Thomson's biggest attribute in those devastating seasons was his shock value. His unorthodox sling-shot action – the amble up to the bowling crease, then the whiplash delivery – made him unpredictable and so often unplayable.

Sure, he could spray them about. But that's what made him so dangerous. One wide down the leg side, one wide of the off stump, the next plum on line and beating the batsman pointless.

For a fast bowler Michael Holding is so gentle and unwarlike. You start to get all fired up, and Michael just stands there and smiles. Many have probably looked for a way to dislike him, but it's impossible.

I remember the day short-pitched Holding delivered twice struck gutsy little West Australian and Test opener Bruce Laird in the

groin. After the second shattering blow to Laird's testicles, Holding came down the pitch to make sure the batsman was OK. When he saw that Bruce was more determined than ever, Holding drawled: 'Sorry Bruce, but have you had any children?' 'Yes, two,' said Bruce, grim-faced. 'That's good', said Michael as he walked away smiling.

But while Holding brings sportsmanship and integrity to the art of fast bowling, he is one of the most feared pacemen of my time. Batsmen all over the world have for many years been ducking his bouncers like baddies dodging bullets in a John Wayne western movie.

Holding is not really a physically imposing specimen. In fact, he's quite thin. But he does stand 6ft 4ins and I will never forget his long and rhythmical run to the wicket. He seemed to be able to do it all so easily. He glided to the wicket, then got it all together with this lovely, unhurried action which propelled the ball at a most frightening pace. He was as smooth as glass.

His two main weapons (pace apart) when he was only bowling express, were his yorker and bouncer. He delivered these two balls as well as anyone I have seen.

Time has certainly taken the edge off his pace. In fact, in the 1983-84 summer, he bowled off



Imran Khan

the short run – and he wasn't any less lethal. He was still quick enough to make most batsmen hurry their shots, but he was also starting to develop some subtlety in his bowling. Holding has now also learnt to move the ball around. Well, what next?

Despite the personal agony Imran Khan put himself through during the 1983-84 tour of Australia, he never lost his sense of humour. Imran led his Pakistan team that summer unable to do the thing he does and loves best in life...bowl. The stress fracture in his leg just refused to mend and Imran spent the tour wistfully watching his team swept away in the Test series and rolled again in the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup.

It was a very sad episode for him and one could only imagine what the reception was going to be like when he got home to Lahore. It was on this very point that Imran, answering a question in Perth at one of Rod Marsh's testimonial functions, revealed speed of a different kind; dry wit. The question was: "How are you going to be treated when you get home?" Imran, quick as a flash, replied: "Well, I have decided as I will be missing the series against England because of my injury, I will be going straight to England."

As a fast bowler, Imran has really had two careers. One was with that windmill-type action, bowling wide of the crease with big in-swingers. In those days he also had the ability to bowl the ball that would straighten or just leave you a little outside off stump. At his pace, this was lethal. In the past few seasons, Imran has got much closer to the stumps and he has developed the out-swing. At the same time, he has not lost his ability to bowl the in-swing. At his extreme pace, it is deadly combination.

Imran also has a beautiful yorker, a very, very good bouncer. He has a most aggressive attitude towards batsmen. In fact, he has it all.

While Richard Hadlee and I have rarely seen eye to eye, we have seen eyeball to eyeball often enough. I don't think I would be overstating it if I said Hadlee and I weren't the greatest of mates, but I appreciate the man's bowling ability. I also admire his guts.

At times, Hadlee hits the bat as fast as any bowler, but I've always classed him as medium-fast rather than express. On certain wickets he can be damn quick. He has a habit of sliding on to the bat at a decep-

He really rates in my book as one of the finest all-rounders in the world, but can also stand extremely high as a bowler alone. I won't be crossing swords with him any more and, in a way, I'll miss that. But I'm sure the New Zealand cricket authorities will want to see him continue for as long as he can. For quite a few seasons now, he has been the one to put some steel into his team's performances.

Joel Garner, a friendly, amiable, fun-loving chap off the field, bowls cricket balls as though he was two-faced. "Big Bird" is another of the West Indies players who is universally liked by his opponents – and hated with equal intensity because of his ability to make life damned miserable for the best batsmen in the world.

Garner is unlike any other bowler



Kapil Dev...last, but maybe, not the least

I have experienced. For one thing, he is taller – much taller. He is also more menacing, and he is more relentless. Garner bowls fewer bad balls than any other paceman in world cricket today. He is the master of the yorker. His great height gives him an advantage that he exploits with flair. Garner seems to be breathing down your neck even as he starts his run and when he reaches the bowling crease 22 yards seems more like a dozen.

What I have admired most – and still do – about Garner is that he has been a bowler for all occasions. In the one-day match he delivers the goods with as much accuracy and result as he does in a Test match. That is because he adheres so strictly to the basic principles of fast bowling – he respects line and length and he bowls to his field.

Graham McKenzie was nicknamed "Garth" for a very obvious

His body was virtually tight balloons of bristling muscle.

When the big fellow had his appendix removed, the surgeon marvelled at the total lack of body fat. "He's in great shape", said the doc. Well, everybody knew that "Garth" was in great shape. He was great bowler as well.

I am alive to the many claims of greatness that have been made on behalf of McKenzie. I have heard them from the most competent judges and I must confess to a real reluctance to place him at no 8 in my list, especially when I hear the genuine praises of those who played with and against him for many years.

Graham – who was, of course, at one time Australia's record wicket taker among fast bowlers – was a man of extremely modest temperament. This is not typical of the fast-bowling fraternity and it has resulted in something less than justice being done to him. He certainly possessed all the necessary attributes of the great fast bowler – genuine speed, accuracy, stamina and unstinted devotion to his side. All this, and civility too!

When Bob Willis was in Australia in Mike Brearley's hapless England team in 1979-80 he looked like a late-blooming flower. Everything about him looked long and droopy. Bob toiled away under the hot Australian sun for very little reward. He took only three wickets for 224 at a miserable average of 74.66.

I think Willis is a bloody fine bowler too. He is very gangly and his unusual action (which for a long time reminded me of a chook running in to bowl) is still hardly classical. Willis is about as awkward as Michael Holding is fluent, but he must be viewed from an effectiveness viewpoint. There the man shines.

Well here I am at no 10, and I still haven't mentioned Mike Procter, Peter Pollock, Ian Botham or Malcolm Marshall. Why not?

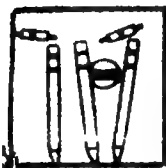
Kapil gets in, and Procter, Pollock, Botham (who is really only medium-pace) and Marshall do not.

Kapil has a beautiful action and his performances, particularly on the unresponsive Indian wickets, speak for themselves. I consider him a most worthy inclusion in the 10 best quickies of my time.

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"I have got four legs and six eyes"

By Prof. Shankar Abhyankar



WHATEVER he said, and when he played, Geoff Boycott of England never failed to create world headlines.

In 1974-75 he did so by withdrawing himself from England's tour of Australia. His solitary comment "for personal reasons" only served as an aggravation to critics who sought a scoop.

Unfortunately they probed and penetrated into Boycott's personal life style. And when he failed to give reasons for his withdrawal from the Test scene from 1974-77, it was generally believed that Boycott had a personal clash with skipper Mike Denness. Others believed he was afraid of his failure, particularly while facing Dennis Lillee.

Even then Boycott's batting wizardry and seemingly insatiable desire for runs, at the cost of almost everything else, was something unique. Critics were rather harsh in making him good "Copy" for the press and they played on his aloofness. That he didn't read newspapers. That he lived with his mother. That he had a girl-friend 15 years his senior.

Boycott did not react. Harsh criticism was accepted calmly—perhaps he was tired of controversy and was content of dropping out of Test cricket altogether. He pointed out that he could get by without playing for England and that he was happy just to captain Yorkshire.

But his return after three years exile was as dramatic as ever and he was primarily responsible for England regaining the Ashes in the jubilee series, making centuries at Nottingham and Leeds, as the Australian wilted. He scored a magnificent 191 at Leeds, in front of his own Yorkshire crowd, and that was his 100th century in first-class cricket.

Gone was the bitterness of the early days and the hate he used to work up against bowlers. There was more to cricket than batting all

day and getting plenty of runs. Boycott had learned to relax and enjoy his cricket.

August 11, 1977 was a memorable day for Boycott and also for England, when the former's triumphant march back into Test cricket virtually clinched the jubilee series for England.

Nevertheless, the beginning was disastrous for the home team when Brearley was caught at the wicket off Thomson's third ball of the match. The English opener was booed sarcastically by the typical Yorkshire crowd. The Boycott-Woolmer pair then put on 82 steady runs without much trouble

and Greg Chappell, the Australian skipper, clearly visualized his teammates' labour under the burning sun.

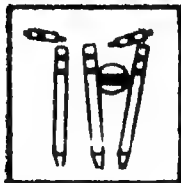
Boycott's main intention was to occupy the crease for a long period. Although he was their Enemy No. 1, the critics never failed to appreciate his talent, class or sheer determination.

Now Boycott was playing with total determination, straight bat and an impregnable defence. Pascoe and Thomson tried their level best to penetrate and Pascoe was successful in deceiving the Yorkshire hero with a swinging beauty, but Marsh, diving to his right, obstructing his skipper's view, dropped a difficult catch. Boycott had made just 22.

That life made him more determined. Boycott went into a shell and scored only 34 runs in the first session. Although Randall didn't last long, Tony Greig and Boycott continued the grind and the form-



Geoff Boycott... played with total determination, straight bat and an impregnable defence



er's effortless six over fine leg off Len Pascoe was spectacular. The electrifying partnership enamoured the Yorkshire

crowd

In the second session Boycott scored 45 runs slowly and gradually racing towards his immortal century. Then exactly at 5.49 p.m. the Yorkshire crowd erupted into ecstasy after local hero Geoff Boycott on drove Greg Chappell for four to bring up his 100th first class century.

At stumps England were four for 287 with Boycott 110 not out and Roope 19 not out. Boycott had batted for more than six hours and faced 87 overs.

Boycott's domination continued the following day and he was 149 not out at lunch, 179 not out at tea when he was finally the last man out at 4.36. His 191 had come in 629 minutes off 471 balls and included 23 fours and a five. Boycott's marathon practically sealed Greg Chappell's fate, though Pascoe (4-91) and Thomson (4-113) bowled exceedingly well.

The Australians believed that Boycott had been caught behind off Ray Bright at 75, but umpire Bill Alley himself an Australian ruled not out. Even then there was no hard feelings after Boycott's century and Greg Chappell was the first to shake Boycott's hand. The rest of the Australians joined in to appreciate generously Boycott's 14th Test hundred.

Ninety minutes after tea break the match was virtually decided and the Ashes were lost as Australia slumped to 5-67.

Disregard

The Australian batsmen yet again had shown total disregard for the position, attempting all kinds of flamboyance against an attack that rarely wavered from the line and fieldsmen who pounced on every half chance that came their way.

On the third morning, the Australians were bundled out for a meagre 103 and immediately followed on. Botham, in his magnificent spell, took five for 21. Mike Hendrick's hostility earned him four for 41 off 15.3 overs.

Hendrick did repeat his performance in the second innings—four for 54 and Australia, despite the life-and-death struggle by Greg Chappell (36) and Rod Marsh (63) were all out for 248 and lost by an

innings and 85 runs.

England had clinched the Ashes 3-0, the worst Australian drubbing since 1886. Thousands of Yorkshire fans gathered in front of the pavilion calling for their heroes—Hendrick, Botham, Randall, and of course Geoff Boycott.

Boycott made appearance after appearance in front of the chanting audience. He had deserved the acclaim being on the ground for the duration of the match. An amazing effort in the game which will always be tagged Boycott's match.

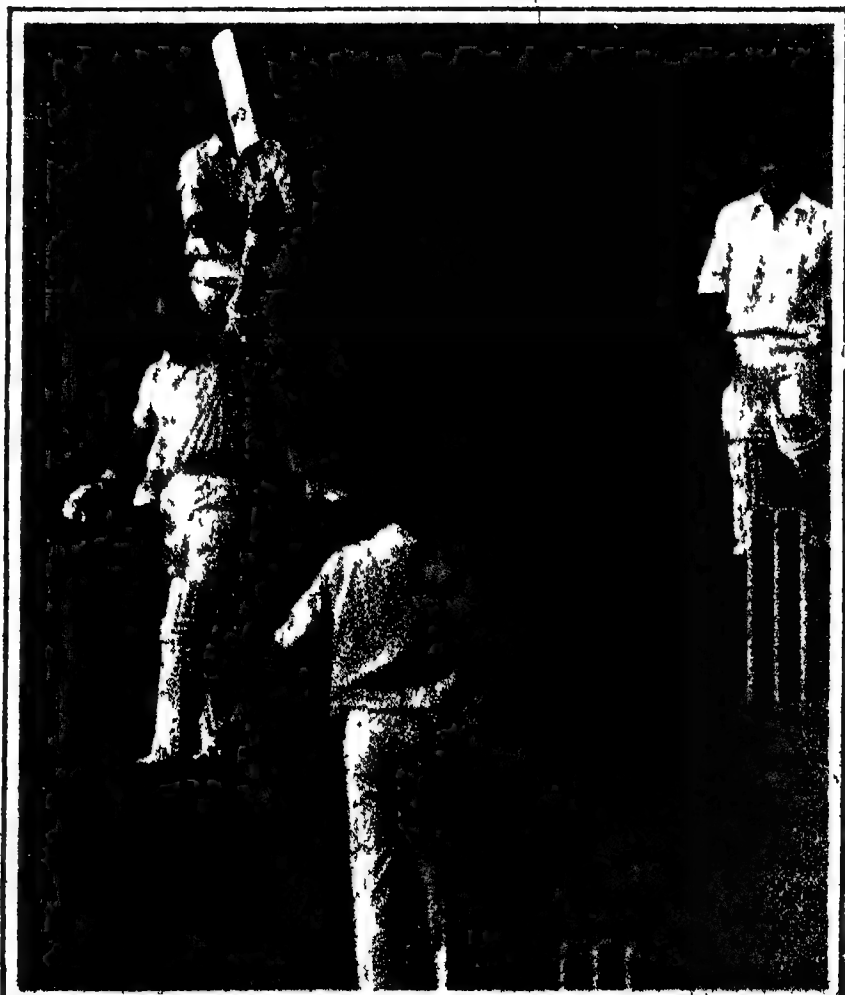
Boycott had made his comeback with a rush and he was no more a villain but a darling to the Yorkshire crowd. Critics who had deliberately tried to spoil his image now were trying to embellish their language to praise the Yorkshire hero.

When one of them actually ventured to ask him regarding his boundless success Boycott raised his beer glass and declared very sarcastically:

I've got four legs and six eyes.



Boycott with beer glass in hand he made appearance after appearance in front of the chanting audience.



Local hero Geoff Boycott acknowledges cheers after completing his 100th hundred.

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YANNICK NOAH...France's prodigal son who now wears his hair short, won the Italian Open, proving he's still in contention among the top players.

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Chris - Greatest American Athlete

By Paul Fein



THE Women's Sports Foundation selected Chris Evert-Lloyd as "The Greatest American Athlete of the Last 25 Years".

In a national poll, the 30-year-old Evert-Lloyd, who has won a record 135 tennis tournaments, including six U.S. Open, five French and three Wimbledon titles, received the honour on April 30 in Los Angeles after being named on 32 per cent of the nearly 325,000 ballots.

It was a remarkable tribute to the sport of tennis because two other players, Martina Navratilova and Billie Jean King, finished second and third, respectively.

"I would have voted for Billie Jean King if I could have," Lloyd said with typical modesty. "I really feel she opened the door to a lot of women athletes, not only tennis players."

"It's great to be singled out. But more importantly, I feel I've helped to represent the successes of many woman athletes who over the past 25 years now have gained social acceptance and respect among the public."

Chris has often asserted that being a great tennis player is no longer enough; now you have to be a great athlete. Ironically, she concedes that she isn't a "great athlete." She cites Billie Jean King, Margaret Court, Evonne Goolagong and Martina Navratilova as truly athletic champions.

What exactly is athletic ability or athleticism? It is probably a combination of innate talents, physical assets and mastery of sports skills, the precise mix of which is debatable. The main ingredients though, include excellent hand-eye coordination (exemplified by Connors), foot speed and agility (Borg), quick reflexes (McEnroe), racquet control and touch (Santana)—the Krishnans also qualify here, flexibility (Laver), strength (Hoad and Court), grace (Buono) and fitness (Navratilova).

The most important question, however, centres around just how important, or even essential, is athletic ability—or natural talent—for becoming a top player.

"I think that good athletes have a



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better feel for the ball," Andrea Temesvari told Michael Kay of Pro Tennis magazine. "I think a natural athlete might be more apt to have an all-court game because they're usually quicker and have better reaction time."

Speedy, all-courter Zina Garrison agrees. "Athleticism has a lot to do with the way you play. Your speed determines whether you play a backcourt game or not. The style of tennis is changing because more players are playing an all-court game. You must be able to change when the game changes. I think that the baseline game is outdone (being overtaken), because everyone can play that game well."

Well, not quite everyone—at least not as well as durable Chris who has captured at least one Grand Slam title every year since 1974 and was the only male or female player to reach the final of all four Grand Slam tournaments last year.

But if athletic ability is quite helpful, it isn't always enough to produce a superstar. Underachievers such as gifted Hana Mandlikova and, to a lesser extent, Ilie Nastase can testify to that.

"Some of the best athletes were not always the best players," explains 1975 Wimbledon doubles champion Ann Kiyomura, a mere 5'1" but gutsy and resourceful.

"Fortunately, tennis is not a game that is 100 per cent athletics," says Kiyomura. "It's about 60 per cent mental. For a player like Chris Evert-Lloyd, her mental attitude has carried her through most of her wins."

What's wrong with American tennis?

WHAT's wrong with American men's tennis?

U.S. Davis Cup coach Arthur Ashe first rang the alarm in January when he told World Tennis magazine: "I don't see anybody in McEnroe's or Connors' class in the U.S. In about three years, the bottom is going to fall out at the top of American men's professional tennis."

Now more and more people are

wondering and worrying J Randolph (Randy) Gregson, the new and activist president of the United States Tennis Association, has proposed a way to attract superior athletes and develop them into stars

Gregson wants the USTA to start an elite programme for top young players that would go far beyond the summer U.S. Junior Davis Cup team that is coached by highly competent Steve Stefanki and competes in satellite and Grand Prix tournaments.

The new programme would be patterned after successful national tennis schemes in Sweden, France and Australia and also like those of many U.S. amateur federations that develop world-class athletes in other sports. "Our junior programmes are great, but we're not producing proportionally the top flight numbers of international players we should," Gregson told Julie Ward of USA Today.

University of South Carolina coach Kent DeMars thinks it's a great concept. "It's what the Swedes have done, only we'd do it with an emphasis on education, not just tennis. The Swedes, at age 16, have been so good because they have played in so many international and professional competitions."



Arthur Ashe... 'the bottom's going to fall out of American tennis'

While our vast network of junior tournaments, high-calibre college competition and Junior Davis Cup team would seem to be suitable training grounds, DeMars, like Gregson, is concerned that our most talented kids aren't being challenged enough, especially while they are in high school.

Others, such as all-time great Jack Kramer, don't agree with Ashe's gloomy forecast or the need for a programme for the elite.

"The Swedes have come up with

something extraordinary, but I don't feel discouraged about American tennis at all," insists Kramer. "I would look to Americans in the future as being basically better than years ago because our high school, collegiate and pro tournaments are being played on hard surfaces."

Gregson intends to champion several other causes too. He is determined to "restore the clay court circuit in the U.S. which is on the verge of extinction and develop players that are as proficient on clay as they are on other surfaces" - noting that our recent Davis Cup losses have been on clay.

He also wants to upgrade the level of umpiring and junior tournament management which, he feels, will promote a renewed sense of sportsmanship.

Gregson and his lofty goals have already suffered a major setback when Davis Cup mainstays McEnroe and Connors announced their withdrawal from the U.S. team-Mac for this year and Connors forever. McEnroe's refusal to sign the new, required code of conduct guidelines was one factor in his decision, and his unrepentant attitude toward his past misdeeds undoubtedly was a double disappointment to the USTA president.

Dope test - a must for tennis

MICHAEL Mewshaw, who wrote the explosive expose "Short Circuit" two years ago, is back in the news. In a typically outspoken interview with Mike Yorkey in Tennis Week, Mewshaw urged pro players to accept Arthur Ashe's proposal for drug testing, arguing that tennis is the only major international sport that does not require it.

He called John McEnroe's claim that he doesn't know anyone in tennis who takes drugs "foolish". And he delivered this challenge: "Is Mr. McEnroe or any other player willing to submit to random urinalysis?"

Mewshaw reiterated his fear that illegal guarantees (appearance money) could result in an ugly scandal. "As a number of people told me when I was on the tour, if you pay somebody that kind of money, you owe him. You expect something in return."

"And who is to say in the future that a tournament director who has been giving a Vilas, a McEnroe, a



McEnroe... foolish claim

Lendl guarantee is for 10 years when push comes to shove, the tournament director will say. Look, I'm into you for millions of dollars in guarantees. Now I want a favour in return. I want you to blow this match. I want you to thank. I'm going to bet heavily on your final at Wimbledon, and I want you to lose on purpose."

In "Short Circuit" Mewshaw made many charges - some supported by evidence and others only by hearsay - about such evils as prize-money splitting, match-tanking and unethical favoured treatment given to the stars by tournament as well as illegal guarantees and drugs.

Mewshaw, an American who lives in Rome, claims that no player has contacted either him or his publisher to complain that his accusations were inaccurate. On the contrary, he disclosed. "There are players who came back and said, 'Please, don't print this. It would ruin me. It would ruin my marriage. It would ruin my business.' And I respected their wishes."



I caused Jo's big fall, says her coach

JO DURIE'S coach last week accepted the blame for her spectacular nosedive from world No 5 to a first round struggler

Alan Jones, the pugnacious Svengali figure who browbeat Jo into becoming Britain's rising tennis star admitted

I pushed her too hard too fast I made a mistake Jones - who once boasted Bring on Martina Navratilova - was finally forced to reconsider his approach when he recently sat watching Jo alongside Chris Evert Lloyd

"Just be patient," Chris urged It's all there but she needs time

Said Jones I realise she was right I'm not the typical laid-back Englishman I was in a hurry for success I saw Jo as No 5 and wanted to take the big leap to No 1

I gave her too much to learn technically, drove her too hard in training I should have allowed her six months to settle into the feeling of the No 5 slot

Jones' methods have been criti-

cised in the past, but never before has he agreed that his aggressive tactics ruined Jo's development

A lot of the world's best coaches considered me a nut case for the way I worked Jo Some of them no doubt thought it would be better if I handed her over to someone else

I offered to go But Jo, being a very kind girl said No

With Jones' near tyrannical demands placing increased pressure on her Jo slumped steadily from world No 5 in 1983 to her current 53

She agrees that the past 18 months have been among the most miserable of her life and that she hit a low in February when she lost in the opening round of the Delray Beach tournament in California to Russia's Larissa Savchenko

I've never felt so depressed said Britain's No 1 I was just so bad I sat by myself for half-an-hour or so thinking it all over



Jo Durie paying the price of trying to achieve perfection

Mystery injury rocks Cash

PAT CASH, the fiery young Australian, stared down at the floor and said These days, people look at me and think I'm a boozier

The 20-year-old right-hander who lost to John McEnroe in last year's Wimbledon semi-final, stuck out his stomach to emphasise the point

Cash's problem is a mystery back complaint that forced him out of the French Open in Paris

"I have to stick out my stomach to ease the back pain," he said



Pat Cash...first hold-up in his career

The injury occurred a month ago in the United States and it's been a nightmare

I might have to demand a scan to see if there is a fracture near the base of my spine If it's not that, then it must be a very bad muscle tear

I am a young man who walks around like an old man," added the world number eight

"I've got the best hamstring muscles in tennis," he said "Normally, I can bend down and place both palms on the floor without any effort Now I can hardly tie a shoe-lace let alone pick up a tennis-ball

I've had heat treatment and injections, and now I know I need a break to sort out the problem It's a severe blow missing the French, but I might stand a better chance of making Wimbledon That's the target, anyway

It would be a pity if the aggressive and talented Cash is forced out of too many major tournaments this summer, and he reflected "It's the first hold-up in my career"

PETER BLACKMAN

Technically I'm a far better player now I've learned my lessons All I need now is the confidence of a few victories"

For all her brave words, the fact remains that 24-year-old Jo has won only two matches this year in the six tournaments she has entered

DAVID EMERY

Wimbledon gets "all clear"

WIMBLEDON was given a clean bill of health by fire and building experts from the Greater London Council

A six-man team inspected the All-England tennis club stadium following the GLC's decision to check all top sports grounds in London in the wake of the Bradford City soccer riot and fire

A GLC spokesman said: "Our team found the building sound, with adequate means of escape and first class supervision by stewards."

Ginny set to miss Wimbledon

VIRGINIA WADE, Britain's last Wimbledon champion—she won in 1977, the Centenary year—might not play in the women's singles this year for the first time in 24 years. And she is definitely retiring from singles tennis after Wimbledon.

"I really don't feel like making the effort to play singles in tournaments. I'm really much happier just to watch every body else and perhaps to play a little doubles.

"If I do play at Wimbledon I'll have to make more of an effort than I feel like making right now."

Miss Wade, 40 the week after Wimbledon, will make a final decision.

"The last singles match I played was three months ago and I haven't been paying any attention to my own tennis," she said.

A need to relax keeps Mats on the tee

THE first move made by Mats Wilander when he arrives in a city for a new tournament is not a practice backhand shot but a telephone call to the local golf course.

Sweden's top-ranked tennis player, number four in the world, is a golf addict who with more time would dramatically reduce his 12 handicap.

Wilander, who led the Swedish team in the World Team Cup at Dusseldorf, patiently spread the golf gospel to his teammates.

Most of them, like Joakim Nystrom and Henrik Sundstrom, have switched from the card table to the first tee, but Wilander is still the best players and certainly the keenest.

"It's a marvellous way to relax and stay in the fresh air," he said. "The problem is that it's a very hard game to learn and frustrating, too. It's merely a hobby for me and fortunately it doesn't tire you out like some other sports."

Since his explosive entry into the world's top 10 by winning grand slam events in Paris and Australia, Wilander has steadfastly refused to become starry eyed.

The young man from Vaxjo is still only 20, but already has a huge bank balance. One sign of his new-found wealth is that he has just bought himself an apartment in the centre of Monic Carlo.

Bjorn Borg was a great champion, but he often protected himself with a chilly approach to life.

Wilander, on the other hand is friendly, approachable and eager to pass on his talent through coaching to youngsters in Sweden.

Wilander, headed for the French Open in Paris attempting to change his style of play. "When you do that you risk losing," he said.

"I need to move more freely off the base line. I find it easy trying something new and I prefer that to just staying in a groove and going through the motions. If it doesn't work then I'll go back to the old style."

PETER BLACKMAN

Andrea beats the bad times

ANDREA JAEGER, the teenage millionairess who quit big-time tennis with a damaged shoulder and her mind in turmoil, came back with a win last week.



Andrea Jaeger...realised it's no good being just a dumb tennis

And the scene was the French Championships where she walked out on a first-round match 12 months ago.

For Andrea, 19, a tournament winner at 14, her return to a tournament in which she was runner-up three years ago, was more an examination in stamina as she ground out a 6-4, 75 win against fellow American Shawn Foltz, 17.

She has played only one tournament match—apart from playing at the Olympics—in 12 months and was carrying 2 1/2 stones more weight.

She has gone back to school—studying zoology—and says she wants to work with killer whales and other mammals if the shoulder and elbow trouble which have dogged her career cannot be cleared up.

As the tennis bosses tried to agree on a minimum age limit in the professional game Andrea admitted: "People said I had got bored or burnt out but that wasn't true, although I am now exercising my mind more.

"I have realised it is no good being just a dumb tennis player and then when you are older not being able to read a book.

"Today it was good to come back with a win. I didn't give up and that was the big factor for me."

IAN RARNES



Mats Wilander...eager to pass on his talents through coaching to youngsters

WILSON LIONEL GARTON JONES

The humble champion of the green baize

By P.N. Sundaresan

WILSON LIONEL GARTON JONES India's billiards ace touched the high noon of his career at the great Eastern Hotel in Calcutta on December 11, 1958 when he won the world amateur billiards title. It was an Indian as well as an Eastern triumph as it was the first time that an Indian and Asian had won the championship.

The billiards hall at the hotel was packed to capacity to watch the final between Jones and his compatriot and number one in the country Chandra Hirjee. Though the

Bombay born but Calcutta based Hirjee was out of the reckoning for the title he was keen to establish that he was the number one in the country.

A faster break builder than Jones, something of a genius in that he could start off from seemingly impossible situations, Hirjee was no easy player to beat. But by the end of the first day of two two-hour sessions, Jones forged ahead to lead by 2267 points to 1372. In the process, Jones set a world record of ten century breaks which was

further embellished by one breathtaking spell of ten visits to the table starting with a break of 168 in the 14th visit, he got 108, 207, 610, 251, 229, 70 and 211 in that order.

His performance then was truly awe-inspiring. Hirjee could not but stand and watch the magnificent sweep whose overpowering effect was evident even on the following day. Jones came up with six century breaks again in the first session—the third of the match—and three more for added measure in the final two-hour chukker. When time was called, Jones had aggregated 4655 points to Hirjee's 2287. It was one of the most imposing victories Jones had scored. Seldom before that or after had he registered such remarkable consistency of form in a world championship series. For sheer fluency, grace and brilliance, there was nothing to match this game against Hirjee. And most appropriately, his last three-figure effort against Hirjee—and so the last of the championship by him—was a beautifully conceived 371 made in 17 minutes and 27 seconds.

Earlier, Jones had registered a gallows-to-glory victory over the Englishman Leslie Driffield. With 662 points behind and only 105 minutes of play left, Jones seemed to be in a hopeless situation but he suddenly found his touch and an avalanche of points came his way. In the time left, he compiled 1068 points. It was fantastic indeed, superhuman for a player whose aggregates in the previous three two-hour sessions were 646, 599 and 578. Driffield's figures for the corresponding periods were 724, 723 and 865. In the final two hours, Driffield could manage only 417 points to Jones' 1082. So completely did Jones monopolise the proceedings as to make Driffield look a mere tyro.

The qualities that enabled Jones to rise above every contender in the championship were fully brought out in his two games against Hirjee and Driffield. Against Hirjee, he



dent in everything he did Speed, touch and grace were all linked in splendid proportions to make him look every inch a champion Against Driffield he was a grim, battling, never-say-die player In this game too he had a ten-visit spell comparable to that in the first session against Hirjee But this came when he was almost down and out and he had five century breaks In their total value the visits fetched much less than those against Hirjee but this ten-visit spell against the Englishman was something super Jones was given a hero's welcome as he landed in Bombay along with Cleary who frankly admitted that Jones played better than anybody else and he was too good for any of his rivals

Jones' triumph thrilled the lovers of billiards in the country even as it brought him world recognition More importantly Jones provided the incentive to other cueists in the country and the hope that if they also strove and played as well they could also achieve similar distinction And among them Michael Ferreira not only followed Jones' foot steps but went ahead of him by netting the world title three times And none would have been more happy about this than Jones who liked the brand of billiard Mike played and visualised a great future for him a world champion in the making he thought

The career of Jones is a rag to riches story in a different sense From the street urchin indulging in small time games like marbles and kite flying in the gullies and by-lanes of Pune, Jones rose to be a world champion in the highly sophisticated game of billiards Born on May 2, 1922 Jones was brought up by his uncle Ossie in a happy and kindly atmosphere which had marked influence in moulding him Jones had little or no inclination for study while he was good in field games like cricket, hockey and football, in fact, as he grew up he distinguished himself in hockey and proved good enough to be included in the Poona Rangers team which boasted quite a few internationals in its ranks However the green baize and the coloured balls fascinated him from the time he set his eyes upon them Opposite his house was the Noble Saloon which his uncle used to visit frequently to play snooker One evening the boy was asked to fetch his uncle for dinner, Jones had his first glimpse of the cue directing the coloured balls and from what followed, one can say he immediately fell head over heels in love with them

At the time Jones reached his

mid-teens, his family realised that it was billiards and not books that attracted the boy and allowed him to spend as much time as possible at the Saloon, the members too spotted his talent and provided him generous encouragement One fine evening Jones turned in a 1526-break in snooker, which record is carved on a wooden panel in the Saloon Getting entry through snooker, Jones soon switched over to billiards and developed such a passion for the game that nothing not even the cinema could distract his attention from it

Before Jones could react to the suggestion of his friends that he should go to Bombay to enlarge the scope of his game, the second world war broke out and the young man had to take up a job in an ammunition factory at Kirke Thanks to the chief officer McIntyre Jones was appointed as a senior officer He worked hard not only at the factory but also at billiards, spending all leisure time at the Saloon

Proficient enough to run 100 point breaks regularly, Jones entered and won the Evening News of India Snooker tournament at Bombay in 1945 beating Taher Ali in

the final Back home, the exclusive Deccan Gymkhana made him an honorary member, which provided Jones social distinction and, what was more important, the opportunity to play billiards in better and larger company One Mukundrao Gharpure took interest in Jones and provided him valuable guidance The end of the war in 1946 cost Jones his job and hard days followed, though there was the compensation that he could spend more hours at the Deccan Gymkhana and Noble Saloon

In another year there was a turn for the better when he visited Bombay again for the Evening News championship He struck a close friendship with Reginald Ellinson, Superintendent of Police, who got him the assistant security officer's job in the Mazgaon Docks Using the Docks Club and the Police Club, Jones progressed players like Kingsley Kinnerley Bob Marshall, Frank Edwards, Tom Cleary and Horace Lindrum, who visited the country between 1947 and 1952

This opened up new horizons for Jones then 25 years old He was particularly attracted by Kinnerley's method of nursing the ball for the





The wife pops a piece of cake in Jones' mouth on his 60th birthday

top of the table game. Mirza Mohammed Beg, a former national champion, who had represented India in the Empire Billiards championship in 1936, and President of the Billiards Association and Control Council of India, spotted a world champion in Jones even in the early stages, provided him all the encouragement and assistance needed in these crucial years of development.

Jones, who had made his debut in the national championship in 1947, won the billiards title for the first time in 1950. By this time thanks to the help of Rafik Dina, himself a leading player, Jones gave up the idea of shifting to Calcutta and joined the Wallace Flour Mills Rattansi Vissanji, his boss, was very much more than an employer to Jones and he grew with his employer almost as a family member. He was R.K.'s confidante in official matters and playmate at the table. Jones on his part was always deferential towards R.K. And the latter remained his friend, guide and philosopher.

Jones became national champion in snooker too in 1952, and

the double came his way as a reason of his victories over Hirjee both in billiards and snooker final. He repeated the feat in 1954. Jones made his first appearance as India's representative in the World Amateur Billiards Championship held in London in 1951. Richard Holt, editor of the *Billiard Player*, put down his impression of Jones thus "Wilson Jones, despite the fact that factors psychological as well as material, combined to frustrate him, created a very deep impression, both as a billiards player and as a sportsman. No better or more graceful player has ever participated in a world event."

India hosted the championship towards the end of 1952 at Calcutta but Jones turned in only one victory over Ameen Yunoos of Burma. Nor could Jones progress much in the next championship held at Sydney in 1954 for all the brilliance he showed elsewhere.

In Australia Walter Lindrum, the maestro, became a close friend, and Jones, who travelled with him on a fund-raising campaign, improved his knowledge of the game by watching the former at the table. About the appearance of Jones in

the world event, Lindrum commented "He is the fastest moving amateur I have seen and appears to know all the answers. He makes his decisions quickly and spots the ball straightaway and is off on his job."

His dismal record in the three world meets did not discourage Jones and he put in hours of hard work to polish up his game. Walter Lindrum's 1000-break billiards was his bible. As such he was at the peak of his form when the next world championship was held at Calcutta in 1958, and with magnificent displays became the undisputed king of amateur billiards. That was the climax of his career. Jones participated in two more world events in 1962, in Australia and in 1964 in New Zealand and had a number of good victories. In another two years the maestro had put aside his cue; rather handed it over to Michael Ferriera—in whom he spotted a future world champion—after beating him in the national billiards final.

Honours and recognition came Jones' way but he took them all in his stride like a true gentleman, and always remained faithful to the game and his friends.

By David D'Souza

MASSACRE AT BRUSSELS

The day soccer died

THE Great Reaper was never so harsh. He did not sink through the dark moonless night to find the unwary victim, but ran amok through sweat-stained, wide awake, nerve-taut bodies.

The scythe whistled through the stands in vociferous rage, long, long before Michel Platini killed Liverpool with his superb all important goal and threw the foul smelling carcass that was the English football club out of the European Cup football final, out of Brussels, and far out of human sympathy.

Those 38 fallen men. They died because England football supporters have surpassed the limits of sanity and have trod on the turf where barbarians dwell.

And this is not the first time that things have got more than out of hand. In the past, in Great Britain itself, ordinary fans who have come to watch a football match on a warm Sunday afternoon have suffered the brunt of the supporters' madness. Stadia have been burnt and gang wars have erupted.

Yet Old Bailey has dabbled in petitions and pleas and has delayed the framing of the law that would put a stop to this insanity that could have long since been averted.

Today, Italy holds its head in sorrow, while England does in shame.

Juventus, Turin, won the final, but it was a match that the historian will tremble when he jots the 1-0 victory in his statistics book.

Spain had sent an informal notice to the Football Association of England that it will not tolerate any hooliganism in their country during the '82 World Cup football.

It worked and but for the yelling and rooting for England, the behaviour of the English fans was satisfactorily kept in check.

But all the good work done there was erased by last week's carnage in Belgium where besides the dead, more than 257 will live with the devastating memory, their broken limbs and scars.

rather not collect

Fierce nationalism, and the macho character of the world's greatest sport has lent the obliging fire to flame the embers of hooliganism.

This is not just plain hooliganism, but criminal violence and soccer today has no place for this trend. The rot has to be stemmed else soccer's obit is not too far off.

Liverpool and all clubs of England, Ireland and Scotland have been banned from participating in any international soccer. The souls of the dead are put to rest. Troubled, but rest nevertheless.

The passion for victory is evident in every supporter in the stadium and human emotions are heightened with the roar of the crowd in the stadium. But the English soccer fans do not require the collective noise to flame those passions. Their hearts are already filled with hate for the other team, and they have come to show their disgust for the opposition not in plain old rooting, but with missiles, clubs and rowdiness.

Against wailing ambulances, painful howling and dirty abuses, the match was carried on. But the victory was sour. The cup that

was supposed to cheer was stained by the blood of the bleeding and the dead.

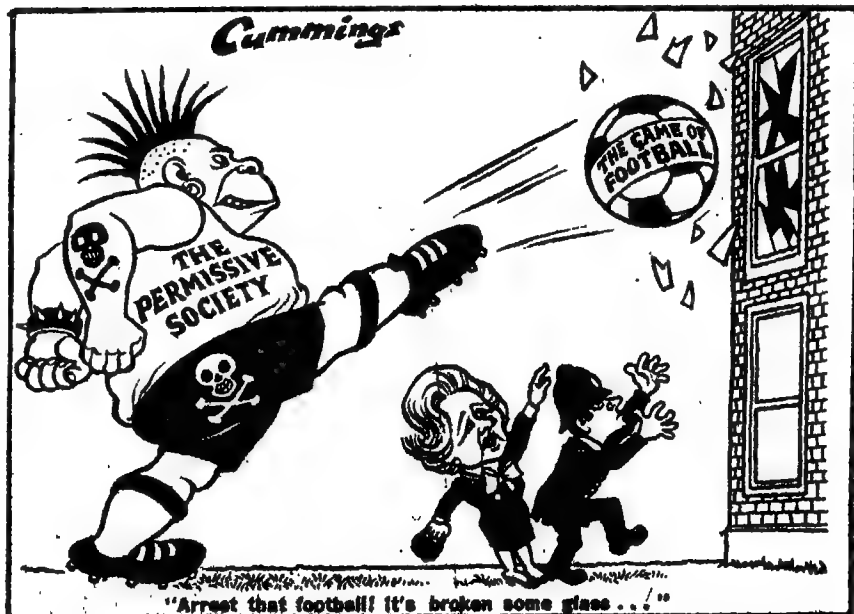
Inquiries will lead to loads of paperwork, arguments and accusations, but soccer hooliganism has come to stay. It is the trend of today's soccer.

As Dr. George Gaskell, a social psychologist of London School of Economics said: "Soccer provides a sort of identity, a source of group pride for these largely deprived people. It reflects the tradition of the working class - the virtues of manliness, standing up to your rights, not turning away like a coward."

By the time, the world mourns the ones who fell to the scythe of the Great Reaper, dying the death they did not deserve. R.I.P.

He is right. Unemployment is the root cause of hooliganism and unless these social problems are minimised or wiped out, hooliganism will stay.

We've got to learn how to harness this madness. For more than two decades this disease has been growing rampant in soccer playing countries. It is going to be a tough job trying to eradicate it.

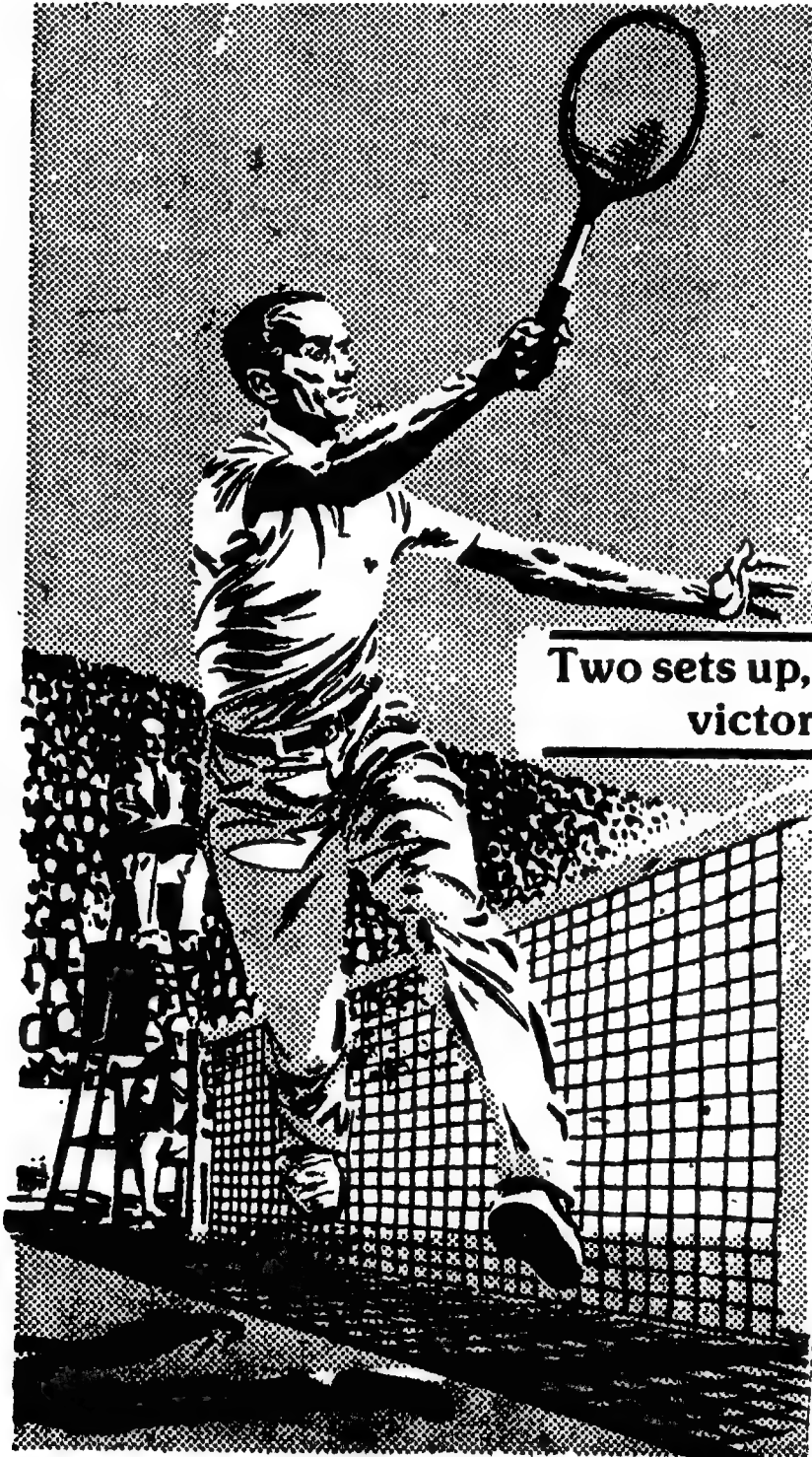


Spectators got up to go; reporters put the finishing touches to their stories. It was all over, bar the shouting. Then came...



By Frank Wright

Tennis' greatest surprise



THE MOST FAMOUS victory in the history of lawn tennis was achieved on Wimbledon's Centre Court in 1927, when William Tilden (United States) and Henri Cochet (France) met in the semi-final of the men's singles championship.

From the beginning, it had promised to be a thrilling classic – a match of intriguing contrasts between a tall, powerful and purposeful American and a little, wiry, casual-looking French star. It also prompted two questions:

Could "Big Bill" Tilden, world champion for the past six years, make a successful return to Wimbledon where he had been the first American to triumph in 1921? Or was he now, at the age of 34, well past his prime as many suggested?

He was the greatest player the world had ever seen – strong, lithe,

Two sets up, only three points to victory... yet he lost!

with all the strokes and a cannon-ball service timed at 124 m.p.h.

But there were signs that the era of "Tilden the Terrible" was drawing to a close. A new force had emerged in world tennis – the "Four Musketeers" of France – Jean Borotra, Jacques Brugnon, Henri Cochet and Rene Lacoste.

In a 1926 Davis Cup rubber, poker-faced Lacoste had become the first man to beat the American champion in six years.

Then, in the American Championships of 1926, Big Bill, U.S. champion since 1920, was brought down again – this time by Cochet, who had been advised by Lacoste to stand in close to receive Tilden's cyclonic service. Cochet won their quarter-final match 6-8, 6-1, 6-3, 1-6, 8-6.

The lanky Philadelphian was rattled by these defeats. For the first time, his world champion status was threatened. He decided that he must return to Europe after a six-year absence and give these French upstarts a beating on their home

Henri Cochet, the Frenchman, in action during the 1927 Wimbledon semi-final.

So, in 1927, he stormed back to Europe and promptly slammed 26-year-old Cochet with a straight-sets win (9-7, 6-3, 6-2) in the French Championships in Paris. In the final, however, he was defeated again by Lacoste after having had one match point.

This was an especially bitter defeat, for Tilden was leading 9-8 in the fifth set when he drove in what appeared to be a match-winning thunderbolt. But a player who was acting as linesman called it a fault.

The linesman was Henri Cochet.

Imagine, then, the public excitement when these two rivals came face-to-face in Wimbledon the semi-finals a few weeks later. The Centre Court was packed for the David and Goliath battle – and, inevitably, Tilden was favoured to win.

The American aimed to give Cochet the severest beating of his career. He blasted the young man from Lyons so mercilessly that he captured the first set 6-2, 6-4.

The third set followed the same pattern. Desperately, the Frenchman rushed the net in an effort to break the American's immaculate controlled power. But his task seemed hopeless. Tilden, in uncompromising mood, swept through one game after another until he now led 6-2, 6-4, 5-1 and 15-all.



Big Bill Tilden...the colossus of tennis

qucanny, and he used his wonderful smash, incisive volley and superb forehand with deadly effect.

After trailing 2-3, Cochet was never in trouble. He was fresher and more relaxed. He became the first player to dominate the big American from the net. And he won the next four games in a row.

Game, set and match to Cochet – 2-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-3. The Frenchman had achieved the seemingly impossible and his victory brought all the Centre Court fans to their feet, applauding more loudly than ever before.

And Tilden? The living legend of lawn tennis lay pathetically on the ground, having fallen in a hopeless effort to retrieve Cochet's match-winning cross-court drive.

Why did Tilden lose? Did his early supremacy cause him subconsciously to relax – a fatal thing against a fine opportunist like Cochet? Or did he at last lack the stamina for a long struggle?

The mystery remains. After their marathon battle, the American declared that Cochet "deserves the greatest credit for his unfailing courage and his quickness in seizing his chance." But he claimed that it was not the Frenchman who won the match. "It was I who lost it."

This remark would seem an unjust

At this stage, reporters were already preparing stories of a devastating Tilden victory and spectators were filtering away from the Centre Court towards the refreshment bars. It was all over but the shouting.

Or so it seemed.

But then the most incredible reversal in lawn tennis history began. Cochet won the next point, the next, and the next – to become 2-5 down in the third set.

Possibly going all out for a "grandstand finish," Tilden blasted away at his opponent's services – and hit them well over the baseline. But what did it matter? He had his own tremendous service to follow.

Yet the American lost the next game to love...another love game...and still another. Amazingly, Cochet won 17 points in succession, took the third set 7-5, and went ahead 4-2 in the fourth.

Tilden's deadly accuracy ap

peared to have suddenly deserted him. His strokes looked hurried, his footwork clumsy. Refreshed by jugs of water which he poured over his head, he levelled the score at four-all – but only with some desperate, hit-or-miss drives.

Meanwhile, Cochet was gaining confidence and mastery with every stroke. He played like a man inspired to take the next two games, winning the set 6-4, and making it two sets all.

In the fifth and final set, Big Bill went through his entire repertoire of strokes, including three types of service – the flat cannonball, the fast slice, and the American twist. He even tried chopping and lobbing in strange contrast to his usual hard driving game. But all in vain.

He could find no way to break the Frenchman's perfect rhythm and easy length of strokes. Cochet had no great service, no powerful backhand – and yet, strangely, he dominated. His anticipation was

tice to the redoubtable Frenchman who usually rose to the greatest heights in face of overwhelming odds. He proved this in the Wimbledon final two days later when he gained a five-set victory over Jean Borotra – after being 2-5 down in the final set and saving six match points.

Cochet explained his win this way: "I had a feeling that the result was being influenced by forces mysteriously yet real, which were operating in my favour. I invoked these feelings while Tilden feared them."

And there we probably have the solution to that extraordinary reversal at 1927 Wimbledon. The Frenchman had little to lose and everything to gain, while Tilden, the colossus of tennis, was in the reverse position.

In short, Cochet had the psychological advantage which can so often prove decisive in this nerve-racking, individualistic game of lawn tennis.

Don't get uptight!

EVER HEARD of Polyetherether ketone? Neither had I until the other day. I heard that it is new tennis string developed by the British mega-company ICI, and which is being fabricated by Luxilon, a specialist company in Belgium. If you are already worried about asking for the stuff, it has been dubbed Orkit.

Although it is a polymer, it is dissimilar to nylon which, so far, has been part of all strings made for tennis rackets. I understand that the raw product has many other applications, but Luxilon are concentrated on the tennis market, because the general view is that it has broken through the "elasticity obstacle" - and is said to rival natural gut in playability.

So far I have not got my hand on it. Following 30 years or so of being told "this is as good as real gut", I am being cautious. However, some Belgium-made synthetic strings named Dynocraft have been on the market, and responsible player/experts have rated those strings on a par with the natural gut found in tennis rackets bought across the counter of non-specialist sports shops.



Experts like Britain's Angela Buxton and Clarence Jones have tested Dynocraft extensively, both on court and under laboratory situations, and they agree with the claims. More, they put their rackets where their mouths are by using the stuff at their 3,700-pupil international tennis school.

The announcement of Orkit has come at an important moment for tennis rackets, especially when concerned with the bulk of good players - who are just below the Grand Prix series and the various satellite and qualifying tournaments leading up to the 100 or so circuit "specials".

When the Prince Company patented and then marketed the first Jumbo rackets, the major selling point was the gigantic size of the "sweet spot" - that area of the racket strings where

you get the biggest co-efficient of restitution (a really good response in simple language.)

There were slight problems, and these multiplied with the arrival of graphite, boron and other very strong materials. This toughness tempted many makers to advocate tremendously tight stringing. Tensions of 75 lbs become almost normal and, of course, the much-publicised habits of Bjorn Borg, with rackets strung to 80 lbs and popping off at their own accord in the middle of the night, made ultra-tight stringing the done thing.

Almost alone, John McEnroe (43 lbs) and Jimmy Connors (54 or so lbs) ignored extremely strong tension. Of course, they slow down most shots, not the reverse, except when hard hitters were playing equally hard hitting opponents. Suddenly the always-brash Americans have come to realise the facts of life, with Wilson's taking the major step. Two weeks ago, they wrote to all dealers and stringers to reduce tension on their rackets by 10 lbs as specified.

With new, softer stringing, I fancy Orkit will play very pleasantly.

British champ off the court

B RITAIN HAS not made many marks on the tennis scene just recently. But at least the founder nation of the game still retains one world champion.

Not on the court itself, but so frequently in those sound-proof boxes at the back of centre courts, where television commentators are dispelling their knowledge.

Some are better than others but it is agreed nowadays that one stands far out on his own, namely Dan Maskell.

A ballboy in his early teens, he never ceased seeking for knowledge and skills. It was the latter that won him the British Professional Championship 16 years in succession.

As a coach he made a major contribution to the Fred Perry, Bunny Austin, Pat Hughes, Charles Tuckey team during British domination of the Davis Cup for the four years 1933 to 1936 in succession.

However, all this shrinks into the

past through his 35 years as the ace TV commentator at Wimbledon. This stint has justifiably earned him the title of Mr. Tennis, and not only in Britain. All over the world, he is acclaimed as the number one commentator.

All this is old news to the inner group of tennis players and aficionados of the game, but not to the public.

The accolades are widespread, and it is my pleasure to endorse everything that was said. I liked particularly the contribution made by Jack Kramer, the under-rated all-time great, who revolutionised the professional game and so brought about Open tennis in 1968.

The two of them spent 15 years together sharing commentators boxes all over the world. But Jack selected something Maskell said on their first day together as a two-man team at Wimbledon. Looking out of the window on to the hallowed Wimbledon centre court, he

said: "What a wonderful picture it makes. We must take care that our words don't spoil it." That was always the way - quietly, cleverly and with empathy - that Maskell made his point.

I spent many sessions with him, and vividly remember that his ageing bones and joints may have lost their spring and suppleness, but his mindful, searching mind never changed. Unless that is, you take on its continuous search for knowledge and progress from the first year of his life in 1909.

He has been honoured twice by the Queen, firstly with the OBE and then upwards to the CBE. No man deserves them more. Even at his age he enjoys sleeping outdoors and under the stars.

He has helped masses of the human variety in his 56 years at Wimbledon. Perhaps, to help ailing British tennis, he should return to coaching and make things better.

KEN ROSEWALL

Honing up for better things to come



Sanjay Sawant



Om Agrawal



Geet Sethi

THE three Indian participants for the Asian Snooker Championships could not have asked for a better tuning up for the event than the BCA Garware Club House Tournament which brought the cream of the talent

This tournament is the richest in India, carrying prize money worth Rs 5,000. Last year there was a bonanza for Subash Agrawal who won the snooker as well as billiards title. This time he did not do the double but the cash stayed in the Agrawal family.

Subash won the billiards for the fourth time in five years and Om, his world champion brother, claimed the snooker title.

It wasn't easy for Om Agrawal. In the final Sanjay Sawant gave him a scare when he took the first two frames and also he led 4-3. But Om showed a new dimension to his game that had not often been seen and won the day. One has rarely seen Om play typical defensive snooker and he did this with telling

effect in the fourth and fifth frames.

Sawant's assured play left him in the last stages of the match as the ball just refused to run for him the way he wanted. It was a rather disappointing end for Sawant who had shown great improvement after a poor season earlier when he failed to win a single title. In the round robin Sawant had beaten the top players in the land, Subash Agrawal, junior national champion Yasin Merchant and finally national champion Geet Sethi.

Sethi was just not in the right form. Maybe he was peaking for the Asian Championships that were to follow. Agrawal also did not show his wonted form. In fact winning the world title he had done little of note. So much so that people began calling his win a fluke.

But the fact was that Om had his priorities on the professional circuit and he could not wait to be there battling with the big ones.

So his interest in the amateur

titles sagged and his performances declined. He won just one title after the world triumph. Now this one should see the upward trend again. He may win the Asian title if he keeps up this form.

What he needs to do is play a safe game now and then. But Om is a fast player who gets on with it. This time he must have realised the value of playing safe and defensive.

The discovery of this tournament was Sanjay Sawant. He is national number two but his form also had been poor. That could be the cause of his being busy with his family business and his marriage. But he came back with a vengeance and avenged his defeat at the Nationals at the hands of Sethi.

His potting is good and he takes his time over his breaks and his break building is among the best in the country. He won the best break prize for his 104. A fine prospect so India need not worry for the future in snooker.

SW Correspondent



A VICTORY BOUGHT WITH BLOOD

Soccer's Night Of Tragedy

From Geoffrey Levy in Brussels



SOCCKER MADNESS...*angry Juventus supporters carry away one of their injured*

JUST A FEW days ago we were VE heroes, remembered in the Belgian capital as liberators. Today, thanks to the sons and grandsons of those liberators, we are the outcasts of Europe

The anger of the politicians is reflected in a decision to ban all British teams from visiting Belgium unless the clubs can guarantee there will be no violence.

Huge newspaper headlines branded our soccer supporters:

"Criminal. Bestial. Irresponsible, Aggressive."

But, astonishingly, the people on the street show a civility, a patience, that is almost unbearable.

It would be easier on what is left of your national pride if they raged and hurled insults at you.

But they sit you down, and offer words of comfort and understanding, like a family doctor, asking: "Where does it hurt?"

That makes it worse. For it shows up even more strikingly what a rag-bag we have become.

In the words of Belgian interior minister Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb, announcing the ban: "As long as no measures are taken to insure against such horrible things happening, no British club will be allowed to play here."

Defending the Belgian police, Nothomb said they had to be "everywhere — at Ostend harbour, at the

airport, and in the town where there was a very large demonstration of stupid violence."

The Belgian newspaper *Le Soir* blamed the "insufficient and bad organisation" of the police, and the behaviour of the English fans for the collapse of the wall in the country's national stadium at Heysel.

One wonders if it is a question that will fill the minds of the fans of Juventus and Liverpool who made the long journey to Brussels

All night long they sat alongside each other in the city's bars and clubs, in that shell-shocked silent brooding that overcomes soldiers returning from the battlefield.

When their turns came to be herded on to buses and trains, they went quietly, leaving behind

1,200,000 people who will never be the same again.

In the greasy emptiness of the stadium a black, yellow and red flag of Belgium flew at half-mast on top of the concrete wall where the supporters died. The wall runs down the terraces and it was the bottom 15 to 20 feet that toppled. There, in the sunshine, someone had placed two sprays of flowers

All around lay a shambles of desolation: yard of distorted metal poles and ripped-up wire fencing; piles of rubbish and thousands and thousands of beer bottles and cans

In the brooding silence, the scraping of workers beginning a clear-up they reckon will take a week sent mundane and hopeless echoes around the terraces.

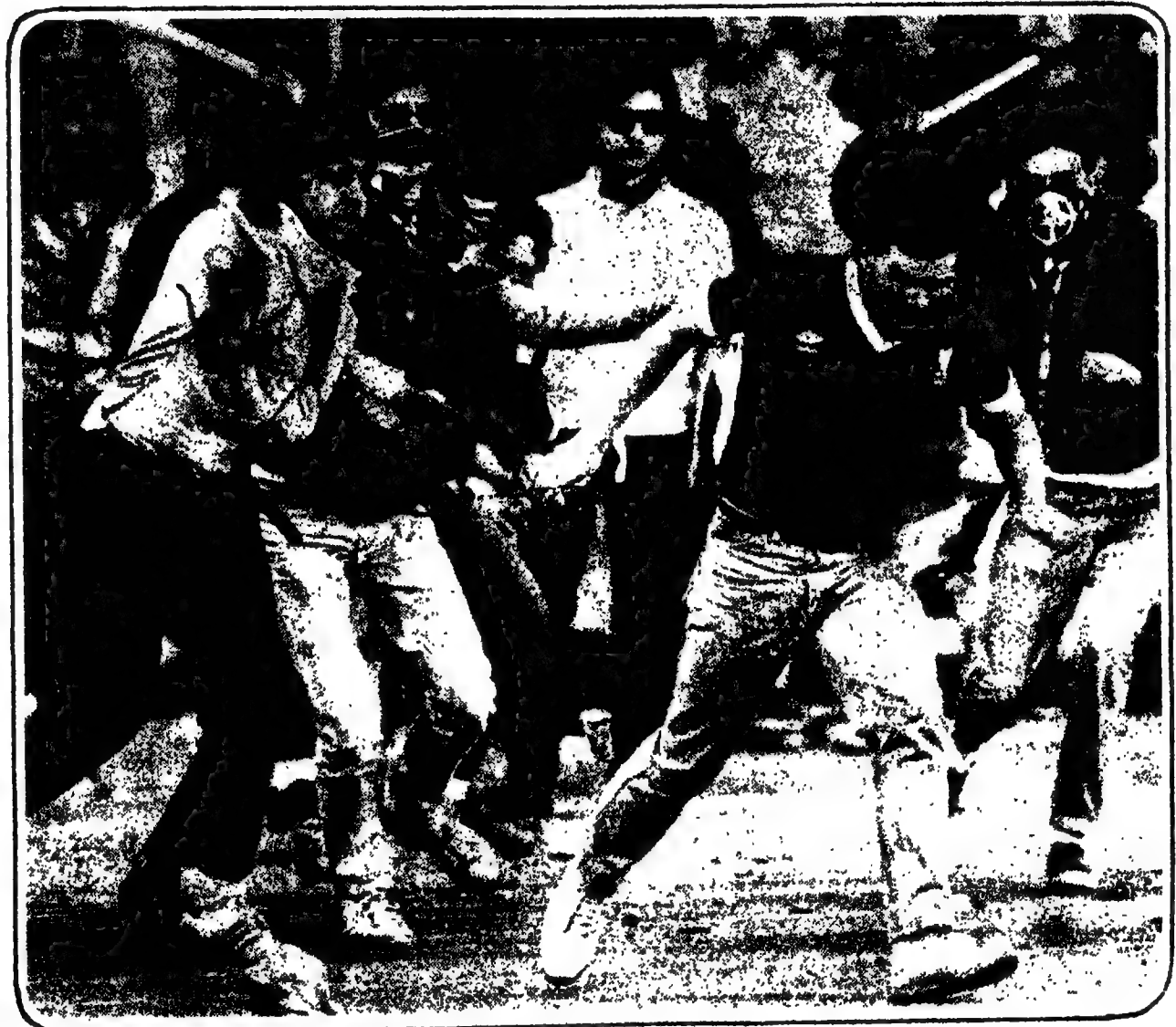
The saddest sight was two groundsman on a truck, taking down large boards, proclaiming in big red letters: "Liverpool." It was put up to draw the supporters to that end

It was the finality of the moment, and they dropped them into the back of the truck, and the name of a soccer legend disappeared.

A dribble of next-of-kin filed into the morgue at the Military Hospital on a journey of wretched confirmation and King Baudoin's sister-in-law, the Italianborn Princess Paula, slipped into an intensive car unit to visit the crushed Italian fans.

The people are shocked and astonished by events. British fans were to blame, they had no doubt.

But somehow they still managed to greet us as friends



ALL-OUT WAR ... A Liverpool fan flees club-wielding Italians. "Our boys were guilty too," said an Italian newspaper

MOURNING IN TURIN

From Vivienne Heston

WHERE there would have been waving banners there were flags at half-mast. In the main square where thousands would have been cheering there were groups of fearful people awaiting news of their loved one.

Turin, which had been geared up for one of those all Italian, car honking, bands playing, wine drinking fiestas, was a subdued, sober and saddened city in mourning.

For three decades this northern Italian town, passionately in love with soccer, has dreamed of winning the European Cup.

But on the day after what some Italian newspapers dubbed the Brussels Massacre there could be no rejoicing.

The mood of most citizens was expressed by Juventus supporter Ugo Fabbri who said after he returned from Brussels:

"The European Cup is a cursed trophy. After so many failures we have finally won it but now it is covered in blood."



DISGRACED... A Liverpool supporter hides his face on his return to England

Immediately after the victory against Liverpool a few thousand fans turned out on city centre streets to celebrate.

They were bitterly rebuked by Mayor Signor Giorgio Cardetti who said:

"Any kind of celebration is absurd. If there are still any who want to celebrate then we all have a lot to learn."

Few of the Juventus team, who flew in to a sombre reception by a group of about 50 silent fans, would disagree.

Club president Signor Giampiero Boniperti raised the cup for a few pictures at the airport and said:

"It's a valid trophy deserved through play. Let's not talk of what happened before."

But players, like French star Michel Platini who scored the only goal of the match with a penalty, refused to go along with any sort of celebration.

"It is a sad moment," said Platini.

The tragedy began to get through even to the ardent few who had been celebrating when they returned to the headquarters of the biggest of Juventus supporters' clubs in the Via Bogino.

It had been turned into an emergency centre for anxious relatives trying to get news of their loved ones who had gone to the Cup Final.

One weeping mother said she was waiting for a telephone call "which will determine whether I live or die."

Later hundreds of parents waited all afternoon in the central Piazza Castello to watch the football buses return to see if the sons or husbands or daughters would arrive home unharmed.

By then they knew that two of the dead were from Turin and the other 30 Italians who were killed came from all over the country which from Sicily to the Alps, shared the city's grief.

There was anger too.

Some newspapers had branded the British as barbaric killers and youths burned Union Jacks as they marched on the British Trade Centre in Turin where they were turned back by the sight of the riot squad standing guard.

But most Italians knew Britain shared their sorrow.

Much of the condemnation from returning fans, from soccer officials and from the Press was aimed at Belgian security forces for letting the situation get out of hand.

"The Belgians were blind not to see what was happening long before the match," said Signor Franco Nicolasi, Minister of Public Works who was at the game.

Italian anger was tempered, too, by the knowledge that their own fans have histories of violence.

Rome daily *Il Messaggero*, said: "We have witnessed the viciousness and violence of the English fans but we also watched our own boys throw bottles and tear down fences."

"Is one worse than the other?" And Turin's own paper, *La Stampa*, recorded the city's sorrow, not its anger, saying: "There were no winners on the night. We all lost something."

England may be barred too

MRS THATCHER wants the Football Association to ban ALL English clubs from European competitions for the next two years.

The Prime Minister of England is urging an early decision to spare both them and the nation the further humiliation of being booted out.

Mrs Thatcher has summoned FA chairman Bert Millichip and Secretary Ted Croker to hear her hard-line message at first hand.

Both men were flying back from Mexico, where they have been accompanying the England squad.

And they dropped the broadcast hint that, not only would they order a club ban, but the England team could also be barred from Europe.

"It could be that we decide not to take in part European football at any level," said Mr. Millichip.

The crackdown must also put in question England's participation for the World Cup in Mexico next year.

The Government is to give £250,000 to an Italian disaster fund.



THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP... This heart-warming picture brings a ray of hope amid the horror of the Brussels bloodbath. A Liverpool supporter puts his arm around a Juventus fan, as they gaze at the scene of change

Liverpool lost its pride

NO ONE who is not from this stunned and silent city can truly grasp Liverpool's enormous depth of shame

He can only look on, offer inadequate sympathy and pray that time will ease the pain and perhaps bring forgiveness

For the shame is total, all pervading. It envelopes everything and everyone

Liverpool stands naked and alone, robbed of its last treasured possession — pride

For even when the going was at its very hardest, this city, if it had nothing else, always had that

Pride and football. Football and pride. You could not separate them. You might not have a job but you did have your team, be it red shirted or blue

Yet today, because of the unspeakable events in Brussels, there is nothing

Liverpool lost its pride on the twisted fire-blistered terraces of the once-splendid Haysel Stadium

Events which no one believed could happen did happen, and Britain's slim reserves of respect in

Europe and the world are now pathetically overdrawn

In just a few hours of madness, Liverpool which boasted the best behaved supporters in Britain, lost that credibility and will now be remembered for the wickedness of the few

A BAN on the six English clubs who have qualified for European competition next season would cost them dearly

The teams are Everton, Manchester United, Liverpool, Tottenham, Southampton and Norwich

A ban would cost United with their huge following, around £250,000 per match in receipts, advertising and television fees

And for Norwich the figure would be around £90,000 a game

The manager who piloted Norwich to First-time European football qualification next season, said 'I have been saying for years that all away supporters should be banned — and I wouldn't want our fans in Europe because of the danger to their own safety.'

For, make no mistake, wickedness reigned on those tainted terraces and no one in Liverpool attempts to deny that

Liverpool knows it must bear much of the responsibility and its citizens are united in shame

That and grief, very genuine grief for the Italians who died so cruelly and for their loved ones

The people of Turin bore the brunt of the carnage. But as Liverpool's Catholic Archbishop shop Derek Warlock said 'In death of this kind there is no nationality

Someone left a posy of flowers on the door step of an Italian restaurant, the Casa Italia, in Stanley Street. The note said 'Words are not enough to describe how I feel

And the scarves and banners which they would have worn or raised in welcome for their heroes win or lose, were folded up and put away for, God alone knows, how long

In a corner shop a few hundred yards from the Anfield stadium, the man at the counter said 'The people who did those terrible things were animals — there is no other words to describe them — and they have destroyed this city

CHUNI GOSWAMI

India lacks penetration



"YOU played the game well but we had the luck to win it," said Chuni Goswami to Hakim, the

Salgaocar coach, after Mohun Bagan had scored a lucky victory in the tie breaker to enter the Federation Cup finals

Chuni Goswami, the former India soccer star who served Mohan Bagan exceptionally well as a forward was in Bangalore to witness the second leg semifinal between Mohan Bagan and Salgaocar in the Federation Cup Football tournament. Goswami who is a Sr Officer at State Bank of India is also the secretary of the Mohan Bagan Athletic Club

Q How is the Mohun Bagan side at present?

A The recent transfers in Calcutta soccer have affected our side a bit as we have lost some of our key players to East Bengal. Of course we still have some star players with us but players like Bidesh Bose and Shamal Banerjee are getting slightly old

We lost to JCT in the Sait Nagjee Tournament at Calicut but the boys seem to be doing well at the moment. I don't know how the team will take shape in the course of time but I can assure you that the boys have the interests of the club at heart and will work hard to maintain our reputation

It does not matter which side has the best players but it matters a lot which side has the best combination. From this point of view I am happy to know that our boys are beginning to combine well

Q How will you rate the Salgaocar team and how will you assess the progress made by the Goans over the years?

A Salgaocar are a young side, a fit side indeed. The boys are talented, energetic, very enthusiastic and what is really important is that they are always eager to work hard

Football today is meant for younger people who can sustain the progress of a team over a long period. A player must be perfectly fit to perform well in modern football. Salgaocar have good coaches to guide the youngsters on proper lines

Regarding Goa's progress in the game over the years I can definitely say that Goa has made tremendous

progress in national football. I will never forget Goa's performance in the 1983 Nationals at Calcutta where they held Bengal to a goalless draw in the final despite a replay and extra time. Goa has been doing well in the nationals in recent years but I cannot understand why they failed this time

Goa's famed clubs like Vasco, Salgaocar and Dempo have won some major tournaments over the years to keep Goa's flag flying high in national football



Chuni special praise for Brahmanand

Like Goa, Punjab has also made a remarkable progress in the game. But while the Goans are better skilled and play a clean game, the Punjabis are tougher and play in their own style of hit and run. Punjab have also achieved a lot in Indian football

Q Why is it that only a few Goans are able to find places in the Indian team?

A Personally I feel that the Goans always play well as a team but as far as individual brilliance is concerned, only a few Goans merit selection in the Indian team

In recent years Goans have been getting offers from leading Calcutta sides but barring Francis D'Souza, none have performed outstandingly. They should come up in different conditions and accept all sorts of challenges

Sometime back Francis was really a lovely ball player and a lovely shooter. In the past Goans like Franco and Neville D'Souza had served Bombay teams like Tata's

exceptionally well. Goans are basically good footballers and they behave well both on and off the field

Q Is Atanu Bhattacharya a better goalkeeper than Brahmanand?

A I will say that there is little to choose between Brahmanand, Atanu and Bhaskar Ganguli. They are equally good

I have special praise for Brahmanand in particular because about three years ago his hand was fractured and yet he showed the courage and will power to stage a comeback to the game. A goalkeeper must have experience and courage to consistently do well. Brahmanand has managed to keep himself fit for a long time

Q Do you think that there has been a decline in the standard of Indian football at present? Was the standard better during your days?

A I feel that the standard has declined a bit at present. Other Asian countries have made a significant advance in the game. The scoring ability of an Indian forward during my time was definitely better than that of a present forward

Today we don't see forwards of the calibre of Venkatesh, Balaram, P.K. Banerjee, Damodaran etc. to mention a few. I am happy that many considered me as good for ward

If India wants to do well in international football, we need to have penetrative forwards with accurate finishing. Today we also don't have a defender like Jarnail Singh and a goalkeeper like Peter Thangraj

-AJIT K. MOYE

SOCCERTOON



Champions bite the dust



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS Rajesh Sharma of Delhi (men) and Ruma Dey of West Bengal (women)

bit the dust as two University youngsters, displaying excellent skill and temperament crowned themselves the new champs in the Federation Cup Archery tournament held at Bangalore last week

International Abhinav Gupta, the 21-year-old Delhi University lad hit the top spot in two events: (90 and 70 metres) and picked up two silvers to emerge the men's champion, while Meghalaya's pretty Matsiewdor War, a B. Sc. student from Shillong came up with an identical performance (two golds and two silvers) to steal the show among women

Reigning national champion S. Rajesh and Ruma, both finished third in the overall standings.

The championship was the basis for selecting the Indian team for the Asia Cup to be held at Jakarta (Indonesia) in July and naturally everyone tried to give off their best

But the first and final days of the four-day meet saw strong crosswinds effecting the performance of the archers. However Matsiewdor War picked up her sophisticated bow with supreme confidence and the moment she fired her arrows, it was evident that she would be troubling the best

She led the field in the first round of the two distances (70 and 60 metres) with a tally of 503 with Smita Dutta Roy second on 480 and Ruma Dey on 430. War had th-

ree golds (bull's eye) in the 60 metres.

Abhinav Gupta did likewise in the men's section, forging ahead of Rajesh Sharma with 477 points, which included seven 'golds' in the 70 metres. Sharma had 446 with Soumen Das breathing down his neck on 443.

Weather conditions improved on the second day when the first FITA (Federation International Target Archery) round ended with the 50 and 30 metres events.

Once again, Gupta and War stood out to maintain the lead. The position remained the same overall in the men's section but among women, Ruma Dey, dogged by bad luck slid to third position as Rashmi Mishra of Delhi with an excellent showing in the 30 metres moved up.

Rashmi tied with Basanti Devi of Manipur in the 30 metres with 302 points but Basanti took the top spot with more 'golds' (nine against six).

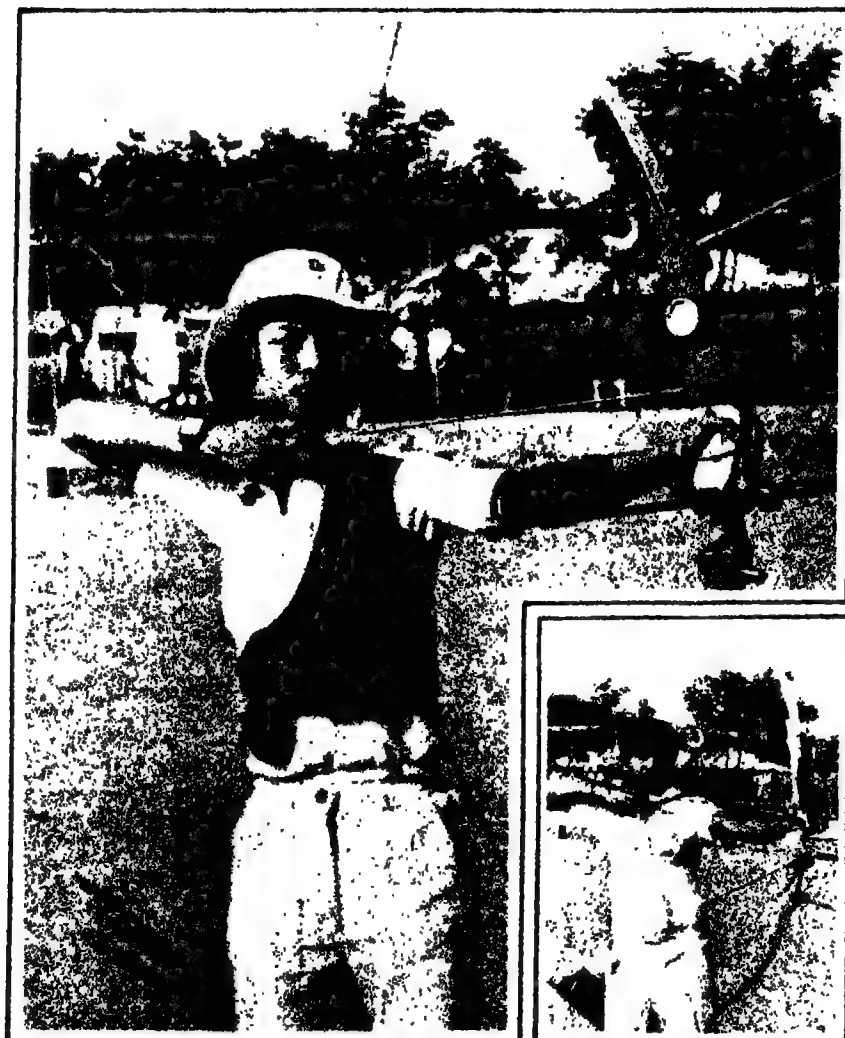
The men's 50 metres was a keen affair with Rajesh Sharma coming into his own. Both, Soumen Das and Abhinav fired 13 golds apiece in this exciting event.

The spotlight never left Abhinav and Matsiewdor on the third day also. They remained on top, with Gupta topping in both the 90 and 70 metres. Sanjeev Singh of UP, however, made his presence felt in a big way by finishing second in both the events with five golds in each.

Though she stayed ahead in the overall position, Matsiewdor had a setback in the 70 metres, losing by just five points to Smita Dutta Roy (435-440). But in the evening, she displayed a lot of grit and skill to pick up the 60 metres event, 15 points (519-504) separating her from Smita. In the overall standings Ruma Dey came back into the third spot.

The final day saw Matsiewdor winning the 50 metres and finishing second in the 30 to emerge champion while Gupta bagged two 'silvers' to hit the top spot among men.

Rajesh Sharma took the men's 50 metres with Smita picking up the women's 30 metres. In the overall standing, however, UP's Sanjeev Singh took the second place followed by Rajesh Sharma and Soumen Das, while Ruma Dey finished third among women.



Matsiewdor War...Bengal monopoly broken. INSET: Abhinav Gupta...consistent show

IT IS evident that the club members, those with voting rights, of the Bangalore Turf Club are either indifferent to the manner in which the sport is conducted at that centre or they are convinced that those in power have a stranglehold over the votes and it would be futile to attempt to dislodge them

That is the only conclusion which one can draw from the fact that the most damning indictment of the stewards of a race club which has ever been made by an official body in the 200 and more years that racing has been an organised sport in this country has not even created a ripple of discontent and things remain unchanged while the old order continues

Following complaints from members of the betting public the assistant commissioner of police, M B. Jayaram was placed in charge of an inquiry into the stewards' decision to revise the judge's placings of Red Justice (Nerredu up) first and Lady Myrtle (Shinde-up) second in the upper division of the 1,200 metres Chamarajanagar Plate on November 25, 1984, following an inquiry initiated by the stewards themselves and the decision to revise the judge's placings of Certain Smile (Warrensingh up) first and Goverdhan (Dustagir up) second in the upper division of the 1,200 metres Linganamakki Plate on February 2, 1985 which followed an objection for crossing by Narredu against Warrensingh

The police inquiry has established prima facie cases of cheating against some BTC stewards. The report has been forwarded to the state government but the police say that a prosecution cannot be launched against the stewards because of lack of evidence as "no one is coming forward to give evidence regarding the wrongful gain made by the stewards even though there was loud talk in the public that the stewards had placed bets on the horses (apparently those who had been awarded the races in the std Justice had beaten Lady Myrtle by one and a quarter lengths an inquiry into the running of the race was ordered by Ramakrishna Rao, the chairman and senior steward of the BTC, on the ground that Red Justice had obstructed Lady Myrtle

The report stresses that neither Shinde, the rider of Lady Myrtle, nor India's biggest and most successful trainer, R.R. Byramji, who saddled her, had thought it fit to raise an objection

The report further states that both the concerned jockeys were

The most damning indictment

interrogated and Shinde maintained that he was in no way hampered by Red Justice. To persistent questions by the stewards Shinde reportedly stated, "If Narredu had not shifted out he could have won the race by three lengths." Shinde is reported to have responded to "pointed leading questions" by saying, "As Narredu was shifting neither could he check his mount nor make the running from inside as it would result in losing five to six lengths in the crucial stages of the last 100 metres from the winning post"



The stipendiary stewards were satisfied that the shifting out of Red Justice had not affected the chances of Lady Myrtle. The stewards, following an in-camera discussion, decided by a five-two majority to reverse the placing and declare Lady Myrtle the winner. This was despite an admission by Byramji that Lady Myrtle had been fairly beaten by Red Justice.

In the Linganamakki Plate, Certain Smile had won by one length from Goverdhan following a start-to-finish effort. Dustagir raised an objection for crossing against Warrensingh. The stipendiary stewards felt that there was no substance in the objection and it was their view that Goverdhan had caused interference to Breeze, another runner in the race. Only four of the nine stewards were present. When the chairman called for a vote, K.S. Prasad and V. Venugopal Naidu voted for the objection being overruled whereas Ramakrishna Rao and D. Kumar Siddanna voted to uphold the objection. Ramakrishna Rao, in his capacity as chairman, used his casting vote and the objection was upheld and Goverdhan, who opened at 8 to 1 and was backed down to 5 to 4 in the ring, was awarded the race.

In the course of the discussions, steward Naidu made an observation that if any steward had placed bets on the race they should not participate in the inquiry. The police report says, "Ignoring vital facts that would go against the decision of casting the second vote by the chairman shows the compulsiveness to decide in favour of Goverdhan. The suppression of such vital facts is without precedent and precept and far away from the related prelude, which shows the dishonest intentions on the part of the two stewards Ramakrishna Rao and Kumar Siddanna to defraud and to cause wrongful gain and wrongful loss to the deserving and undeserving bookmakers, horse owners, and the actual betters by a fraudulent deal in the shape of the stewards inquiry"

The report has recommended to the state government that horse owners should be banned from becoming stewards and that both stewards and members of the managing committee of the BTC should not be permitted to bet on horses

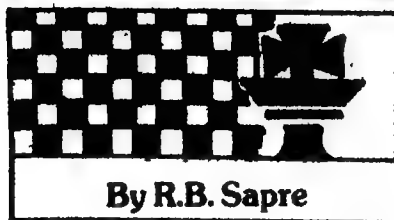
The only reaction to this damning indictment has come from D. Kumar Siddanna, the immediate past president of the BTC who raised a hue and cry when he was prevented from being re-elected chairman by an edict of the state government disqualifying race horse owners from holding that post. He accuses the police of being biased and points out that the assistant commissioner has limited knowledge of racing and is not qualified to pass judgement on racing matters.

He goes on to say, "As far as I am concerned the video tapes can be shown to any knowledgeable racing authority anywhere in the world to establish that the stewards' decisions were right. This cannot be done by laymen who know nothing about racing."

This column wonders if Kumar Siddanna fully understands the implications of his statement. The stipendiary stewards, who are the same gentlemen who were in office when he was chairman, ruled against, disturbing the judge's placings in both cases.

If Kumar Siddanna's assertion is right they are not knowledgeable and must be clubbed with "laymen who know nothing about racing." In that case why have they not been summarily dismissed, or to go one logical step further, why were they ever employed in the first place?

ANSWER : Dom Budge



By R.B. Sapre

THE HUNGARIAN GM Josef Pinter topped an International Tournament (Category 11) in Copenhagen ahead of veteran Danish GM Bent Larsen and former world champion Vassily Smyslov of USSR.

Iceland's IM Helgi Olafsson and Denmark's IM Curt Hansen completed their final GM norms in this event.

This game is important for the theory of the Classical Variation of King's Indian Defence.

PINTER-MORTENSEN

1. d4, Nf6 2. c4, g6 3. Nc3, Bg7 4. e4, d6 5. Nf3, 00 6. Be2, e5 7. 00, Nc6 8. d5, Ne7 9. Ne1, Nd7 10. f3, f5 11. g4, Nf6 12. Nd3, c6 13. Be3, Kh8, 14. h3, b5? 15. Nb4!, bxc4 16. Nxc6, Nxc6 17. dxc6, Be6 18. Qa4, fxe4 19. fxe4, d5 20. Bc5!, d4? 21. Bxf8, Bxf8 22. c7!, Qe7 23. Qc6, Rc8 24. Nd5, Nxd5 25. exd5, Bd7 26. Qxc4, Bh6 27. Kg2, Be3 28. b4!, e4 29. Qc5!, Qxc5 30. bxc5, d3 31. Rf7, Bb5 32. d6, Bg5 33. h4! Bxh4 34. g5!, 1-0

10.f3) 10.Be3, f5 11.f3, f4 leads to a highly exciting battle on opposite wings, Black setting up a pawn

roller on the King side and White trying to breakthrough on the Queen's flank.

11...Nf6) Zarubin-Kupreichik, USSR 1982: 11...h6 12. h4, Kh8 13. Be3, Nf6 14. Nd3, c5 15. Kg2, a6 16. Rb1, b5

17. b4, bxc4 18. Nf2, cxb4 19. Rxb4, Bd7 20. Bb6 (1-0, 42).

12. Nd3) 'Kurs Dyebutov' and MCO mention: 12. Ng2, c6 13. Rb1, cxd5 14. cxd5, Bd7 15. Bd2, Rc8 with equality

15 Nb4!) A game between the same players, Helsinki 1983, was also won by Pinter with 15.c5; it went: 15.. cxd5 16 cxd6, Nc6 17 exd5, Nd4 18. f4, Nxe2ch 19. Qxe2, e4 20. Ne5, fxe4 21. Bc5!, Nd7 22 Bd4, g5 23 Qxe4, Nf6 24. Qe3, gxf4 25. Qxf4 b4 26. Ne4, Kg8 27. Nc6, Nxd5 28. Qd2, Rxf1ch 29. Rxf1, Bxd4ch 30. Kh1!, Qe8 31. Qg5ch, Kh8 32 Qxd5, Bg7 33. Ng5, Bb7 34. Nf7ch, kg8 35. d7!, Qe2 36. Nh6ch, Kh8 37 Qg8ch!, 1-0

18...fxe4) Necessary to be able to play...d5; if 18...d5? 19. g5, Ne8 20 exd5, Bxd5 21. Rad1 etc. wins.

20. Bc5!) This practically forces Black to give up the exchange, for after 20. Re8 White can sacrifice the exchange to get connected passed Pawns, i.e. 21. Rxf6!, Bxf6 22. exd5 (22.. Bxd5? 23. Rad1 wins)

22 c7!) This flimsy-looking passed Pawn is causing Black great

trouble. Black cannot take it as the Queen has to support the Knight. White makes it more dangerous with some forcing moves.

25...Bd7) If 25...Bg8 (or 25...Bf7 26. d6 wins) 26. Rxf8!, Qxf8 27. d6 etc. wins.

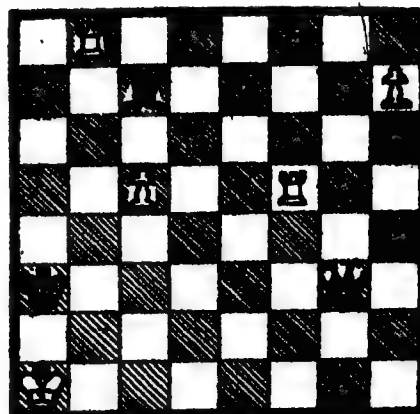
28. b4!) An imaginative way of exchanging Queens. Another Pawn joins the queening aspirants.

30. d3) 30...Rxc7 would also be replied by 31 Rf7, d3 32. c6.

32...Bg5) Trying to guard d8 against White's threat d7.

34. g5!) If 34...Bxg5 35 Bg4 wins, if 34...dxe2 35. d7, Bxd7 36. Rxd7, e1Q 37 Rxe1, Bxe1 38. Rd8ch wins.

END GAME



White to play and win



THE insinuations of this "3NT" contract from the Summer Nationals were a treat to watch:

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Pen Friends Corner

P.S. Babu, 25

P B No 6454,

Ruwi, Muscat,

Oman

Sport, driving, writing

V. Haris Abdulla, 27

P B No 6454,

Ruwi, Muscat,

Oman

Philately, driving, reading

Ms Susan George, 23

Staff Nurse

P B No 6454,

Ruwi, Muscat Oman

Reading, Philately, driving sport

C.K. Usman Kutty, 30

P B No 7561, Muttrah

Muscat

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- 1 Who is the author of the book, Heroes and Contemporaries?
- 2 Who was the manageress of the Australian women's cricket team that visited India in 1984?
- 3 What is the birth place of Jeff Dujon?
- 4 How many runs did Clive Lloyd score in his first Test series against India?
- 5 Who was the first cricketer to score a century and take 5 wickets in a Test innings?
- 6 When was the International Ice

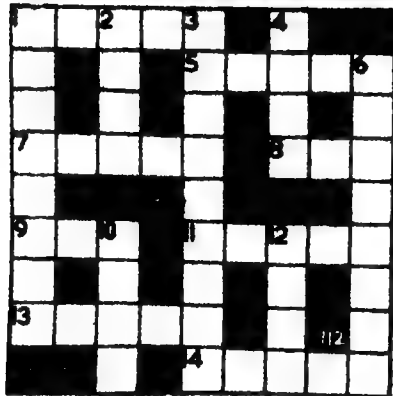
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- 1 Hockey Federation formed?
- 2 Great Britain has once won the Olympic gold medal for Ice hockey When was it?
- 3 What was the venue of the 2nd World TT Championship and who won it?
- 4 Who is the youngest player to win the World Open Cham-

- 5 pionship or squash?
- 6 10 Which team won the Football Association Challenge Cup in 1983?

ANSWERS

1 David Gower 2 Ann Mit-
chell 3 Kingston, Jamaica 4
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- 1 Radio commentator Singh as Wasim and Rameez? (5)
- 5 The Rodney Marsh unit of heat? (5)
- 7 Great leader Hutton batting? (5)
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- 1 Who but this Kangaroo could have repeated in 1969, after a gap of seven years, his 1962 feat of performing the Grand Slam (3 5)
- 2 Either Bracewell or Reid in the New Zealand team (4)
- 3 The one who beat Ilie Nastase 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 4-6, 7-5 to win Wimbledon in 1972 (4 5)
- 4 Around her —, it should be



worth watching a 'shapely' woman cricketer being bowled! (4)

- 6 Princess of Tennis? (8)
- 10 Feet of — suggest, not a boxer easily knocked out, but one standing extra firm (4)
- 12 Swinger whose 'movement' was once worth viewing on TV (4)

Q If a bowler takes wickets off 5th, and 6th ball, is he allowed to bowl a extra balls, to complete his hat-trick?

—Shabbir Poonawala, Ahmedabad

A No, the bowler is not allowed to bowl an extra ball. If the bowler takes a third wicket with the first ball of the next consecutive over then it is counted as a hat-trick for the bowler.

Q How many runs did Ravi Shastri score on his Test debut? What is Kapil Dev's birth-date and what is his highest score in Tests?

—Russel Crasto, Walkeshwar

A Ravi Shastri scored 3 in the first innings and 19 in the second. He came in to bat at no. 10.

Kapil Dev — 6th January 1959. Kapil's highest score in Tests is 126 not out against West Indies at Delhi in the 5th Test of the 1978-79 series.

Q When and where was Sadanand Vishwanath born? How many runs did Mohinder Amarnath score on his debut?

—Clyde Crasto, Walkeshwar.

A Sadanand Vishwanath was born on 29-11-62, at Bangalore. Mohinder Amarnath scored 16 not out and 0 in his first Test match.

Q What is the Test record of Sydney Barnes?

—Dean Dweltz, Byculla.

A Barnes played 27 Tests, bowled 7,873 balls, gave away

3106 runs and took 189 wickets at an average of 16.43. He has taken 5 wickets in an innings 24 times and 10 wickets in a match 7 times.

Q What are the full names of the following cricketers — R J Shastri, D B Vengsarkar, A D Gaekwad, N S Yadav, R M H Binny, S M H Kirmani, and S Maran Lal?

Mubarak K A Kurla (W)

A The full names of the above

QUESTION BOX

mentioned cricketers are as follows — Ravishankar Jaydith Shastri, Dilip Balwant Vengsarkar, Anshuman Dattajirao Gaekwad, Shival Nand Lal Yadav, Roger Michael Humphrey Binny, Syed Mujtaba Hussain Kirmani, and Madan Lal Uthouram Sharma.

Q Did G R Viswanath complete 1000 runs in Test cricket in a calendar year? If yes, how many Tests did he play in that year and what was his average?

—Jayprakash Mane, Aurangabad.

A Yes, Viswanath has completed 1000 runs in a calendar year once. It was in 1979, when he played 17 Tests and scored 1388 runs, at an average of 60.34. He scored 5 centuries that year.

Q What is the complete score-card of Prudential Cup final,

1983, which India won by beating West Indies?

—Sanjay Chodankar, Goa

A INDIA: S Gavaskar c Dujon b Roberts 2, K Srikkanth lbw Marshall 38, M Amarnath b Holding 26, Y Sharma c (sub) b Gomes 11, S Fatil c Gomes b Garner 27, Kapil Dev c Holding b Gomes 15, K Azad c Garner b Roberts 0, R Binny c Garner b Roberts 2, Madan Lal b Marshall 17, S Kirmani b Holding 11, B Sandhu not out 11, Extras 20, Total 183 in 54.4 overs.

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-59, 3-90, 4-92, 5-110, 6-111, 7-130, 8-153, 9-161.

Bowling: Roberts 10-3-32-3, Garner 12-4-21-1, Marshall 11-1-24-2, Holding 9-4-2-26-2, Gomes 11-1-49-2, Richards 1-0-8-0.

WEST INDIES: Greenidge b Sandhu 1, D Haynes c Binny b Madan Lal 13, Richards c Kapil Dev b Madan Lal 33, Lloyd c Kapil Dev b Binny 8, Gomes c Gavaskar b Madan Lal 5, Bacchus c Kirmani b Sandhu 8, Dujon b Amarnath 25, Marshall c Gavaskar b Amarnath 18, Roberts lbw Kapil Dev 4, Garner not out 5, Holding lbw Amarnath 6, Extras 14, Total 140 in 52 overs.

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-50, 4-66, 5-66, 6-76, 7-119, 8-124, 9-126.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 11-4-21-1, Sandhu 9-1-32-2, Madan Lal 12-2-31-3, Binny 10-2-23-1, Amarnath 7-0-12-3, Azad 3-0-7-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

Man of the Match: Mohinder Amarnath.

Lillee's remark raises eyebrows

In your issue of May 22-28, I read a letter by Tom Alter protesting against some allegations made by Dennis Lillee in his book *Over and Out!* about Gavaskar's batting records. I am providing some statistics which will support Tom's rebuttal of Lillee's statement.

Gavaskar has scored 4312 runs in Tests at home for an average of 49.00. His record away from home is 4332 runs in 49 Tests at an average of 54.15. Thus it should be clear to all that Gavaskar has not received any undue advantage playing more Tests at home.

Greg Chappell with 4515 runs at home (54.39) and 2529 runs away (52.94) and Viv Richards 2077 runs at home (56.13) and 3812 runs away (52.94) are the two other leading batsmen who have been fairly consistent both at home and away.

Interestingly the statistics of the two Pakistani superstars Javed Miandad and Zaheer Abbas are revealing. Miandad has 2862 runs at home (77.35) and 2177 runs away (39.58) while Zaheer has scored 2440 runs at home (59.51) and 2618 runs away (36.34). The home advantage is quite decisive in the case of these two batsmen.

And for that matter, Lillee should have examined his own records before casting aspersions on the abilities of others. Lillee has taken 231 of his 355 wickets in Australia which is 65.07% of his tally. So Tom Alter was quite right in stating that Lillee has taken two thirds of his wickets on home grounds.

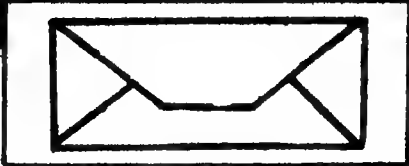
—Jeevan Gladson
(Bombay 11)

Malcolm Marshall stands tallest

BB Mama in his statistical column (SW May 29-June 4) mentions that the West Indies have won 23 of their last 46 Tests which is a remarkable achievement. I would like to add that one man who has more influential than most in their last 16 wins is Malcolm Denzil Marshall.

Marshall has captured five wickets in an innings in nine of these 16 victories, i.e. from the Kanpur Test versus India in 1983 to their most recent victory over New Zealand at Kingston.

Marshall started his climb to the top after the 1983 Prudential Cup



Before this he had only 55 wickets from Tests (a strike rate of 3.23 wickets per Test). But after the Prudential Cup he has captured 13 wickets from only 23 Tests, an amazing strike rate of 5.78 wickets per Test.

Marshall's record after the series against New Zealand reads as follows: 40 Tests for 188 wickets at a strike rate of 4.7 wickets per Test off 8870 balls. If he continues at this rate, Marshall will complete 200 wickets from just 9436 deliveries which would be 267 balls less than what Ian Botham, the record holder, took to achieve the same target.

—Ganesh P. Varier
(Bombay-89)

Not correct

In the Question Box column of your issue dated May 22-28, one of the answers provided states that Pakistan's highest score in Test cricket is 657 for eight declared versus Pakistan in 1957-58. This is not correct. Pakistan's highest score is 674 for six declared against India at Faisalabad in 1984.

—T.D. Mukherjee
(Varanasi)

T.D. Mukherjee is right. The error is regretted. Ed.

Indian soccer at its nadir

Indian football has reached its nadir. A ragged, unimaginative attack, a weak, fumbling defence and mediocres who have run out of ideas—these are the outstanding features of the Indian team.

The sponsors are willing, big money is being offered, media coverage is assured, the best coaches are available and the infrastructure for the sport is certainly much better than it was 20 years ago. Yet, what are the results?

But the players are not the only ones who should be blamed for this state of affairs. The AIFF too has had a significant role to play. Agreed that our players are wanting in skill, stamina, strategy and motivation. But the real problem is in the organisation. The AIFF makes unplanned participation in innumerable international tournaments when we don't even have a proper national football calendar.

The Santosh Trophy played over a month is a fruitless exercise. Interzonal tournaments, arranged along the lines of the Duleep Trophy, would be more beneficial.

Moreover, it is time that the AIFF opted for professionalism. If the standard of soccer is to be raised to international level, the Indian footballers today are pseudo professionals. They cling on to the Olympic ideal of not playing for money while actually disregarding it in practice. This kind of hypocrisy has been detrimental to the sport.

The AIFF should legalise professionalism. The organisational aspect of the game could then be handed by professional managers and commercial advisers. This will also ensure that players are totally devoted to the game.

—Shilbhadra Datta
(Calcutta)

MAM cancels Brussels trip

MAM Ramaswamy's cancellation of his trip to Brussels to meet the FIH President Etienne Gillet on June 8 on the plea that he would have been unaware of the proceedings of the IHF meeting scheduled for the same day is most unfortunate. The IHF meeting should not have come in the way of his Brussels visit, which I am sure would have resulted in condoning or at least reducing the punishment of the six Indian hockey players.

Ramaswamy has the stature and the persuasive abilities to impress upon the FIH that their decision to ban the six Indian players was a little too harsh. But I guess that Ramaswamy has been peeved by reports that the IHF was toying with the idea of sending Aslam



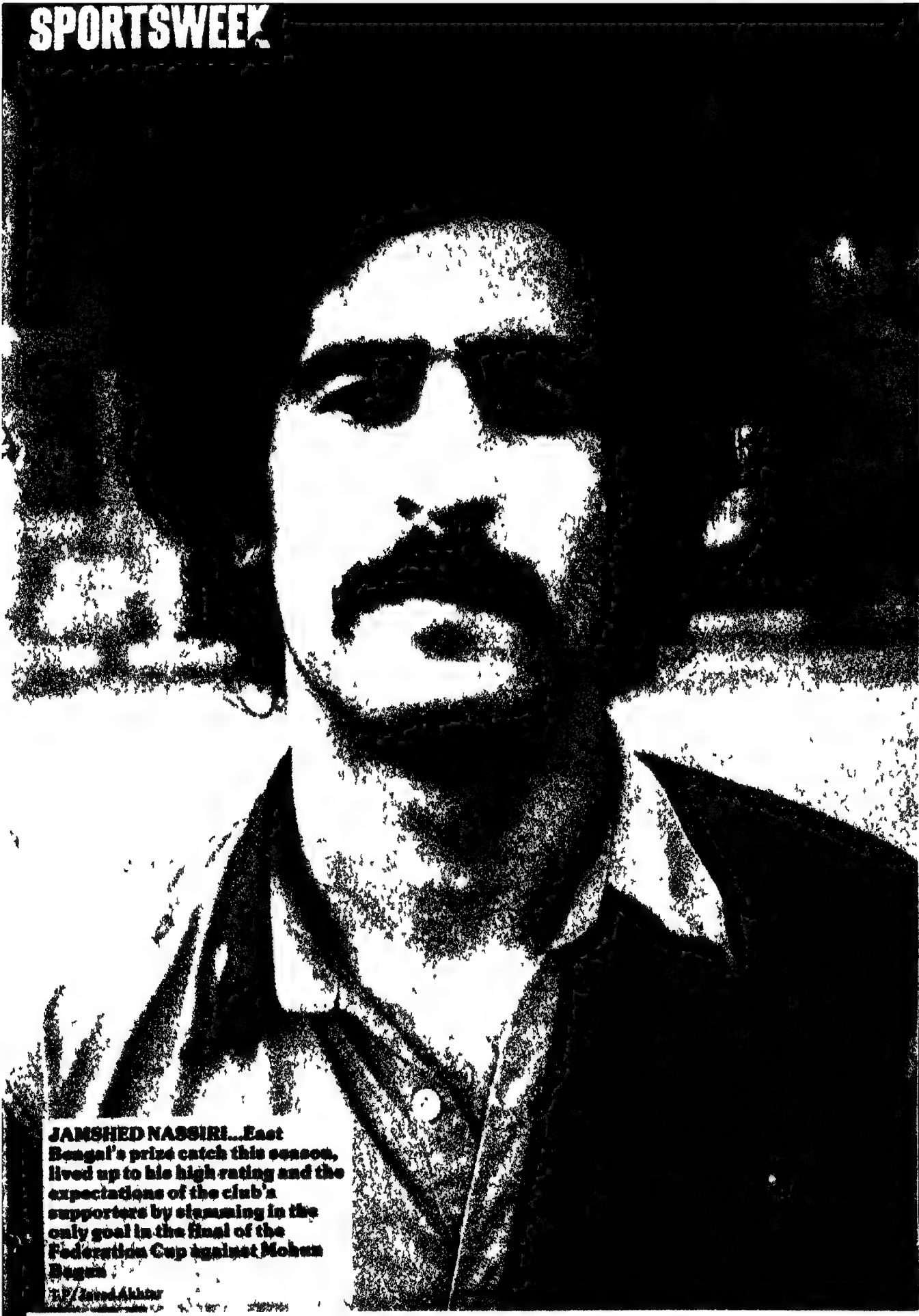
Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy should not accept IHF presidency.

Sher Khan also to meet the FIH secretary at a different place.

The IHF's lack of faith in Ramaswamy should make him reconsider his decision to reenter the dirty mire of IHF politics. Unless he gets a unanimous vote of confidence, Ramaswamy should not accept the presidency of the IHF.

—K.S. Vasan
(Besant Nagar, Madras.)


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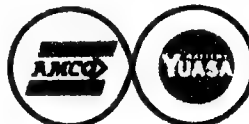
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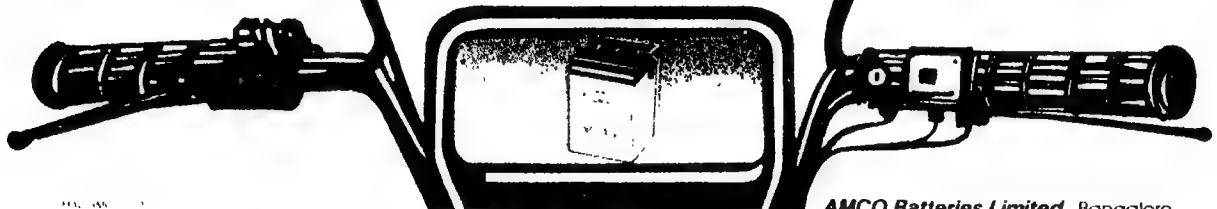
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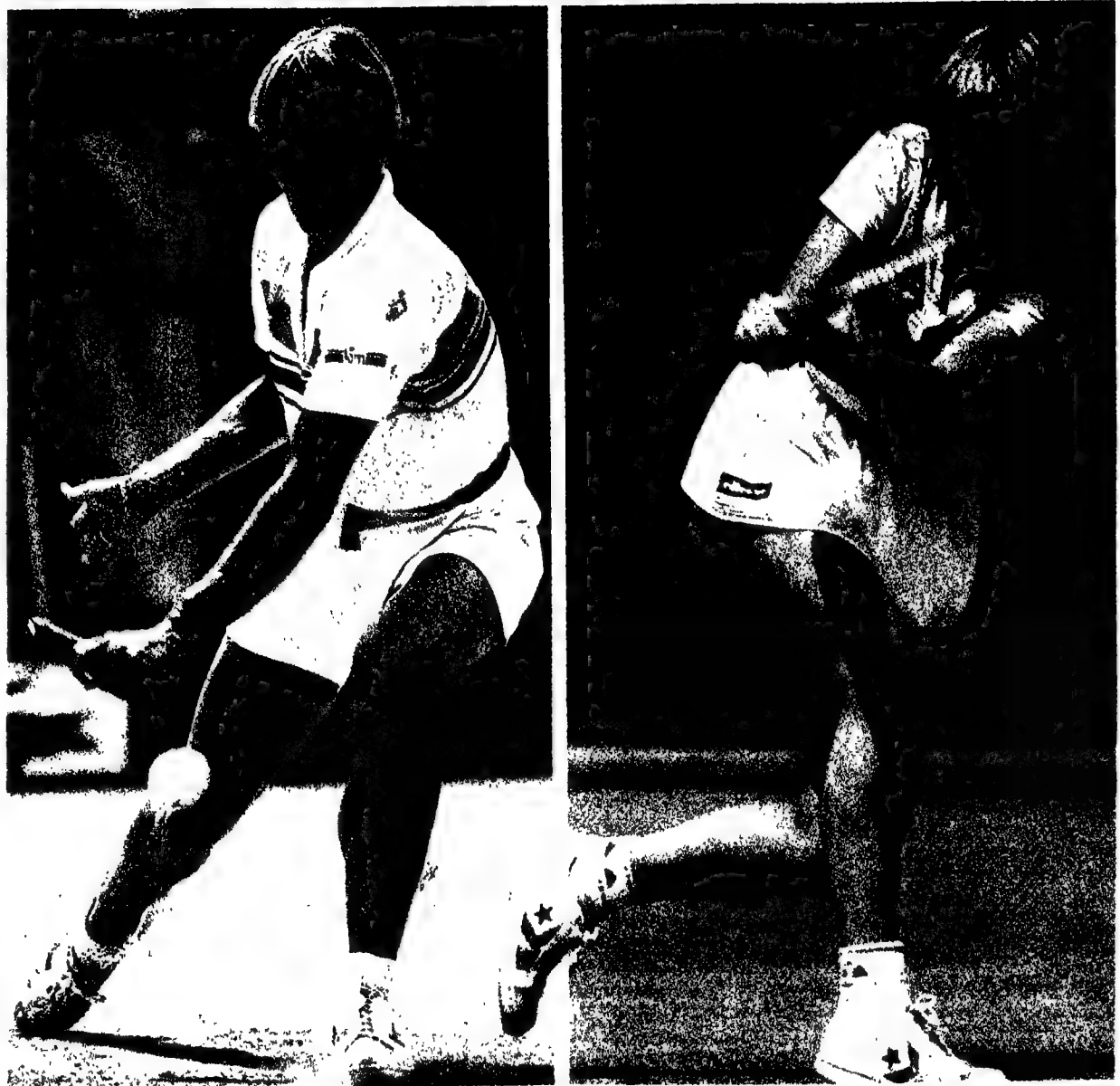
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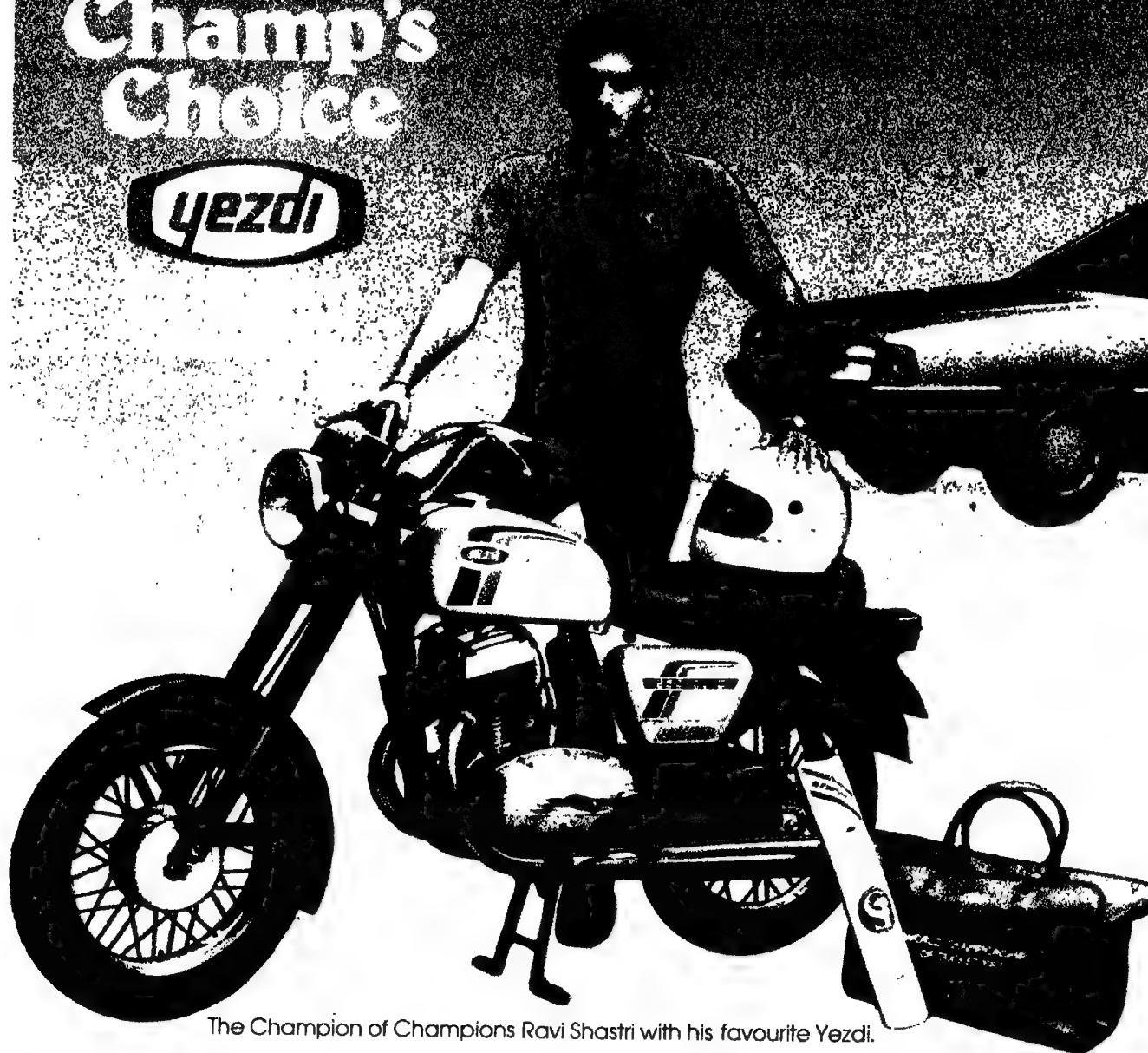
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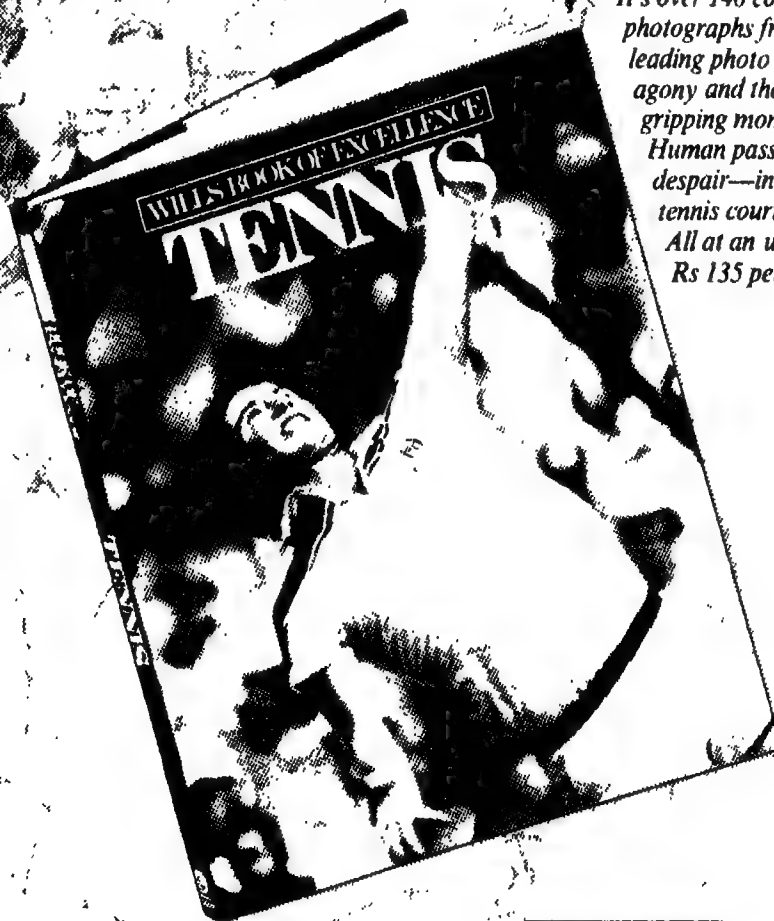
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MARTINA NAVRATILOVA vs CHRIS LLOYD



Chris Evert-Lloyd

and then there were two

As the 80's race out on us, events fading into memory faster than they take place, the images of one battle remain vivid. The battle for perfection in tennis. The battle of egos. The battle for supremacy between Chris Evert-Lloyd and Martina Navratilova.

And it continues. The opposition to these two has been so flaccid and temporary that they could well rule women's tennis for another five years at least. The challenge of the Austins, the Jaegers, the Sukovs, the Bunges and the Duries has been snuffed out as easily as a candle on a birthday cake.

Before these prodigies were out of their teens they were burnt out, sapped both psychologically and physically. The challenge had ended before it truly began.

And so it is today that when we talk of women's tennis, we think of only two players – and their rivalry. Take any woman's tennis final. If the contestants are not Evert-Lloyd and Navratilova (which in any case would be an aberration) the interest of the followers of the sport worldwide wanes.

THE BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY CONTINUES

This is not a belittling thought for the countless other players who mark their time on the international circuit. It is the sheer intensity of their rivalry, their total domination of the sport and the great length of time they have ruled the tennis world that makes Lloyd and Navratilova special.

To get a fair idea of this fascinating protracted duel, imagine the contests between Borg and Connors still continuing. Or Borg and McEnroe. It whets your appetite immediately.

But even this is at best an approximation. Men's tennis has never in the history of the sport been so totally dominated by two individuals, save for a short spell by Borg, before the Swede ran out of motivation and mental strength, and retired at the age of 26.

Even then, McEnroe had reached par with Borg. Connors, just a shade behind, was a constant threat. Lendl was promising to upset all form and predictions, and there were a host of others who on their day could pull off the big upset.

By Ayaz Memon

It was a tight cluster at the top and form was the deciding factor. Form and proficiency on a particular type of court. It still is.

In the case of Lloyd and Navratilova, the challenge has been more or less stillborn. They have ruled for more than a decade, alternatively trading the number one position a couple of times, battling away for outright superiority.

In a sense they have complemented each other, sustained each other. If one had quit or retired, there is little doubt that the other, too, would have called it a day, for both have thrived on competition.



Martina Navratilova

And competition in this case has been limited to the two of them. This and the quest for perfection.

In an interview with Steve Flink of the World Tennis magazine in April 1981, Chris then the undisputed world no. 1 stated: 'What I want more than just winning is to master my game. If I was a perfect player and had no weaknesses, I would have retired long ago. There would be nowhere else to go. But I still have weaknesses – not glaring weaknesses – but I could improve on my movement and on my volley. That's my goal now: to continue to improve and be a more well-rounded player, to peak.'

Four years later, Navratilova, now the number one, echoed more or less the same sentiments during the French Open tennis championships. 'I don't know how much better I can get. But once I feel that I can't get any better, that will be the time to stop. Then there will be no place to go. Even the records and winning the events won't mean much if I know I can't get any better,' she said.

The quest for new worlds to conquer thus has been the prime

driving force for both players. And their long standing rivalry the stokes to fire the ambition.

One of the most fascinating and even mildly intriguing aspect of this clash is the total dissimilarity of the two players concerned – personality wise and even their game

Lloyd, a teenage prodigy herself, but one who survived, is the typical all-American girl – ambitious but courteous and wellmannered. A proud winner and a gracious loser. No tantrums, no necessary shows of temper. Cultured and absolutely unemotional. Hence the tag of 'ice maiden'

Navratilova, apart from the last couple of years in which she has matured both as a tennis player and as a person, was the antithesis of Lloyd. Volatile, spoilt and angry and unnecessarily dramatic. After a couple of years on the circuit, she realised that these were in fact debilitating factors and turned over a new leaf

Lloyd is the classic or almost baseliner. Navratilova, the supreme exponent of the serve-and-volley style. Lloyd wears down her opponents with her relentless rallying, both with the forehand and her pioneering double-fisted backhand. Precise both in her groundstrokes and her lobs

Navratilova, on the other hand, is a killer. A powerful first serve, and the speed with which she advances to the net to kill a weak return, have finished off her opponents before they could even realise the game and started

Unlike Lloyd, Martina could not, and does not, play the waiting game. For her it is never a battle of attrition. She likes to and has consistently got over a point, a set or a match in double quick time

Lloyd is the great traditionalist. Navratilova, unorthodox, unpredictable, except where winning is concerned. While Lloyd has been staid, resorted to the time-tested methods of training, Navratilova opted for the unconventional computer-dictated schedule of diet and training in the last few years which have seen her rise from a fretty, fussy, flashy player to an undisputed champion

And both have had their emotional problems to encounter. Lloyd, after an engagement to Jimmy Connors which has short lived, married John Lloyd, a relationship which like most such relationships has had its ups and downs.

Navratilova has had more severe

problems. After defecting to the U.S., she suffered a crisis of identity which could have stilted the growth of a less determined player

She has had her fair share of controversies through relationships which are not acceptable to the majority and hence derided. But she has overcome all these stresses quite capably

From such diverse factors has developed one of the most enthralling, epic battles for supremacy between these two queens of tennis. Lloyd had raced away to an almost invincible position in the late 70's



Navratilova and Lloyd...it is the sheer intensity of their rivalry, total domination and the great length of time they have ruled the tennis world that makes them so special

before Martina, by quantum leaps caught up with her and then even overtook her

But Lloyd hounded her doggedly, and just when it seemed that Navratilova had reached the ultimate in tennis perfection, Lloyd has come back into the reckoning with her two victories in the two Grand Slam competitions played this year, the Australian Open and the French Open, which has raised the possibility of her winning the Grand Slam by 50%

Navratilova, it will be recalled, completed the Slam last year and

pocketed a million dollars for her effort. Their career record stands at 65 matches against each other, with Navratilova ahead by a solitary win

Spread over more than a decade, it is a remarkably consistent percentage of wins for each player. Needless to say, between them they have garnered most of the titles at stake on the women's circuit, over this period

It is foolish and even bizarre to compare the women tennis players with the men, as some are wont to do. There are basic physiological differences which cannot be ignored. To compare Lloyd or Navratilova with either McEnroe or Connors is as senseless as comparing Carl Lewis with Evelyn Ashford

But what should be realised is that the women put in no less effort than the men to reach the alts in their respective disciplines. They may have physical limitations, but their psychological involvement, the mental exertion and the motivation, is no less

Through their prowess and records, Lloyd and Navratilova have done more for the cause of women's lib than even Germaine Greer

Whether Navratilova and Lloyd are as good or better than the champions of the past like Mo Connolly, Margaret Court, Billie Jean-King, Maria Bueono or Evonne Cawley, is for historians to decide

In any case it will always remain a matter of opinion. What is indisputable is that the history of the game will never be complete without their mention

But I will let Vitas Gerulaitis have the final word on these two, the ultimate accolade. Gerulaitis has been an unabashed critic of women tennis players and will now be partnering the incorrigible male chauvinist, Bobby Riggs, for a double challenge match against the women's doubles champions Navratilova and Pam Shriver

Explained Gerulaitis in New York recently, after he was grilled for saying that women tennis players should not be paid as much as the men counterparts: "I am not trying to denigrate women's tennis by my comments. But I also not going to apologise. I wasn't being nasty. I was just giving the facts. I think that Martina and Evert-Lloyd should get the same money as the men at the Open but that the rest shouldn't"

So gentlemen. Let us all rise

Mats Wilander on the million-dollar trail

From Ian Barnes in Paris



SWEDISH tennis ace Mats Wilander celebrated a major championship triumph last Sunday

He dethroned Ivan Lendl as French title holder with a come-from-behind 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 victory and recaptured a crown

he first won as a record-making 17-year-old in 1982

Now if he can convince himself he has a chance he could be a real threat at Wimbledon and on course for a million dollar bonus as a Grand Slam winner. He won the Australian championship for the second time last December.

His triumph worth £110 000 was no real surprise after the way fourth

seeded Wilander had demolished world No 1 John McEnroe in the semi-finals

Wilander who saves his best tennis for the big occasion came into his favourite tournament promising that he was in form and confident. He was.

For Lendl the three hour 13 minute match was a disaster. He did not look really fit and had to leave the court early in the third set to go to the toilet.

After not dropping a set in six matches on the way to the final he lacked his usual power and pace and his service was never reliable.

He said: 'I wanted to be more aggressive but could not manage it. It is very upsetting.'

This defeat adds to his miserable record in major tournament finals. Since losing the title match in Paris to Bjorn Borg in 1981 Lendl has been beaten in three US Open finals, the Australian final and now once again in Paris.

His victory last year remains his solitary success in Grand Slam events and after the first set now in Paris he never looked likely to improve on his poor tally.

The match started in a drizzle and finished in sunshine but both the players were hampered all through by the wind which whipped dust storms across the court.

But where Wilander roared on by the 17 000 crowd made light of the conditions with adventurous shot making Lendl seemed demoralised.

The long rallies-one game lasted 18 minutes-tested his stamina and he always lacked Wilander's speed.

After the 55 minute third set in which there were break points in all but one game Lendl's resolve disappeared.

Martina Navratilova-beaten in the women's final by Chris Lloyd-collected the women's doubles championship with Pam Shriver.

They completed a double Grand Slam of the world's major championships with their eighth consecutive win and their 99th successive match victory when they beat Helena Sukova and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 4-6 6-2 6-2.

Martina also won the mixed doubles with Heinz Gunhard. They beat Paula Smith and Francisco Gonzales 6-7 6-4 and 6-4.



Mats Wilander...dethroned Lendl with a come-from-behind victory



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Classy Chris is a six-timer now!



CHRIS LLOYD'S sixth French championship win in Paris last week was her finest.

At the age of 30 she mentally outlasted and physically outplayed her great rival Martina Navratilova 6-3, 6-7, 7-5, after a gruelling, nerve-shattering duel lasting two hours and 52 minutes.

When Chris hit that last backhand passing shot, she dashed to the umpire's chair and embraced Martina. For her it was the most important and significant win over Martina since she beat her in three long sets in the 1982 Australian final and should give Chris hope for Wimbledon.

It also put Chris on course for the Grand Slam as she currently holds the Australian title and has Wimbledon and the US Opens to come.

Since that Australian win three

years ago, Chris has lost 15 of their last 16 meetings.

But this time the greater mental fortitude came from Chrissie, who saw a winning lead in the second set dissolve and a commanding one in the third set disappear as the breeze blew clouds of red dust off the court.

The second set Chrissie led 4-2 and 40-15 on Martina's serve, a

By Roy McKelvie

situation Martina saved with an audacious serve and volley winner, then a winning serve and finally a resolute volley.

Chrissie's disaster in the tie-break was to double-fall early on. This launched Martina into a 4-1 lead - too much for Chrissie to

catch.

But an erratic Martina trailed 3-1 in the final set.

Chris had a point for 4-1 but Martina, apprehensive about going to the net against someone who could pass or lob her, hauled herself out of the hole by sheer guts and with a love game of service made it 3-3.

Martina served to save the match at 5-6 and led 40-30. She put a lob and then the volley out of court, however.

Chris at last arrived at match point. Martina tried for an ace serve and missed. Chris returned the second serve and gambled on a net attack.

She threaded her backhand passing shot down the line and the crowd, always on her side, erupted.

Blank Yanks are sent packing



Jimmy Connors...went quietly to the inevitable slaughter



JOHAN McENROE and Jimmy Connors completed the miserable retreat of America's tennis army from the French championships as bewildered as soldiers sent into battle firing blanks

Both were beaten in straight sets in the semifinals - Connors thoroughly shown up by defending

From Ian Barnes in Paris

champion Ivan Lendl 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 and McEnroe's ambition buried 6-1, 7-5, 7-5 by the 1982 title holder and ultimate winner 20-year old Swede Mats Wilander

And though two American girls, Chris Lloyd and Martina Navratilova contested the women's title, the United States is still looking for its first men's champion in Paris since Tony Trabert 30 years ago

McEnroe and Connors have taken the last seven U.S. Open titles and the last four Wimbledon championships between them

But the dull, red clay of Paris remains a minifield

While 32-year-old Connors, four times a semifinalist and probably appearing there for the last time went quietly to the inevitable slaughter, McEnroe went in anger

The wind, the cold and the damp after 10 days of unbroken sunshine and the superbly controlled tennis of Wilander contrived to wreck his concentration

Wimbledon title holder McEnroe smashed a racket in frustration, ordered French film actor Bruno Cremer sitting in a court side box to "Put out that stupid cigar - I hate those things" And was twice involved in long arguments with um-



John McEnroe...his concentration was wrecked

pire Patrick Flodrops

McEnroe admitted "There are no excuses but I just did not give myself enough time to get ready

I was not in the right frame of mind when I went on court and the conditions prevented me from getting any rhythm

But he added Give Wilander full credit I played two reasonable sets I gave it my best shot and he beat me

Chris knocks out wonder girl

TEEENAGE TENNIS sensation Gabriela Sabatini looks likely to miss Wimbledon which starts in 16 days time She is exhausted after being knocked out of the French championships by Chris Lloyd

A decision is to be made soon But 15-year-old Gabriela's coach Patricio Apef, said She is very tired and the best place to rest it at home in Argentina

"I will recommend that she should rest and not play at Wimbledon - at least in the singles

"The decision is up to her and if she doesn't want to go to England that'll be O.K. with me She should

not play if we don't have time to practise on grass"

Miss Sabatini went out 6-4, 6-1 in the semi-finals to Mrs Lloyd And she admitted "I am very tired after many long matches and I am not sure what I will do

An appearance at the Pilkington Glass tournament at Eastbourne - a traditional Wimbledon warm-up where Miss Sabatini was expected to be fourth seed - is now out of the question

With the tennis authorities currently in urgent discussions over teenage stars who burn out too soon, junior world champion Ga-

briela's progress and programme is going to be closely monitored

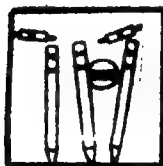
Virginia Wade, Chris Lloyd and Martina Navratilova have already expressed concern that Miss Sabatini - the youngest-ever semi-finalist in a Grand Slam event - does not go the way of Tracy Austin and Andrea Jaeger millionaires at 18 and out of the game by 20

Certainly Miss Sabatini's play lacked the mental and physical strength of her previous victories in Paris

Grand Slam-winner Martina beat German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 6-4, 6-4 and admitted "It was certainly not one of my finest matches."

Gower, Gooch show the way

By Pat Gibson



D AVID GOWER showed how thin is the line between success and failure for an England cricket captain.

He arrived at Lord's for the third and final One-Day International against Australia with calls for his resignation ringing in his ears.

He left the field to a heartening standing ovation from the capacity crowd — and his players — after scoring 102 as England romped home by eight wickets with six overs to spare.

It was too late to save the Taxaco Trophy which Australia had secured by virtue of their victories at Old Trafford and Edgbaston.

But it was in plenty of time to save his job...at least for the first two Cornhill Tests at Headingley and Lord's for which he has already been appointed.

As I suggested earlier what Gower needed more than anything was a dramatic change in the fortunes of himself and Australia's captain, Allan Border.

And that is what happened after Gower won the toss and put Australia in to bat on a pitch on which they did well to reach 254 for five in their 55 overs.

Then Gower, bravely shrugging off pressure from all quarters —

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

G. Wood not out	114
A Hilditch lbw Foster	4
G Ritchie c Gooch b Botham	15
A Border b Gooch	44
D Boon c Gower b Willey	45
W Phillips run out	10
S O'Donnell not out	0
B 2, lb 13, w 6, nb 1	22
TOTAL (5 wkts, 55 ov)	254

BOWLING:—Cowens 8-2-22-0, Foster 11-0-55-1, Botham 8-1-27-1, Allott 7-1-45-0, Gooch 11-0-46 1, Willey 10-1-44-1

ENGLAND

G. Gooch not out	117
F Robinson lbw McDermott	7
D Gower c Border b McDermott	102
A Lamb not out	9
B 2, lb 9, w 2, nb 9	22
TOTAL (2 wkts, 49 ov)	257

BOWLING:—Lawson 9-0-37-0, McDermott 10-0-51-2, Thomson 8-1-50-0, O'Donnell 11-0-64-0, Matthews 10-0-49-0, Border 1-0-5-0

Umpires: H Bird and B Meyer.



Australian vice-captain Andrew Hilditch is out leg-before to England's Neil Foster for four runs

AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND...

including the selectors - to drop himself down the order, went in to share a match-winning partnership of 202 in 38 overs with Graham Gooch, unquestionably England's man of the series after adding an unbeaten 117 to his 57 and 115

"A little luck certainly helped," admitted Gower who won the Man of the Match award. "And apart from that I didn't miss an off-break or nick one to the wicketkeeper as I did in the first two games

"My attitude this morning was one of determination, bloody-mindedness if you like. I wasn't going to give anything up lightly. It was a question of pride in one's own ability and performance

"And at times like this you do realise who your friends are. The support I had from certain members of the side was invaluable - and I was also grateful for the support I could sense in the crowd"

Certainly, you could almost feel the relief around Lord's as Gooch and Gower responded magnificently to the challenge set by Graeme Wood's superb 114 which was well supported by Border and David Boon



Australia captain Allan Border with his England counterpart David Gower who scored 102 and England's man of the series Graham Gooch relax after the third One-Day International at Lord's



Aussie opener Graeme Wood survives a stumping attempt by wicketkeeper Paul Downton. Wood eventually remained not out on 114

Pics AP



AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND

One-Day International

Played at Edgbaston on June 1, 1985



LEFT: Simon O'Donnell holds up the ball after he caught and bowled England's Tim Robinson (back to camera) for 26 runs

BELOW: Kepler Wessels sweeps past Downton during his knock of 57 for Australia





AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND

One-Day International

Played at Old Trafford on May 30, 1986



Aussie 'keeper Wayne Phillips waits for the catch that dismissed Graeme Fowler off Craig McDermott for 10 runs



England captain David Gower plays inside a slower delivery and is bowled by Geoff Lawson for three runs



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Poms win 3rd one-day

LONDON:

ENGLAND won the third One-Day International against Australia at Lord's to salvage some pride after they had lost the first two. Australia made 254 for five on a perfect batting wicket with Graeme Wood striking form to hit a magnificent unbeaten 114. The highlight of this Australian innings ironically was Ian Botham's dismissal of Greg Ritchie which gave the irrepressible England all-rounder his 100th wicket in one day internationals and made him the first cricketer to complete the double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets in this type of cricket.

England romped home with six overs to spare. Gooch reaffirmed his claim for the England opening spot with his second successive ton. The best news for England however was the return to form of skipper David Gower who scored a vintage 102.

Alcohol banned

BERLIN:

THE President of the International Soccer Federation, Joao Havelange confirms the European Soccer Unions' ban on English teams following the Brussels tragedy but reiterates that the ban does not include the country's national team from international matches.

Meanwhile, in Britain, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has banned consumption of alcohol at soccer stadiums and given police more crowd control power in an effort to prevent riots.

Berlioux resigns

EAST BERLIN:

MONIQUE Berlioux resigns as a director of the International Olympic Committee because of differing opinions with the executive board. The 61-year-old former French Olympic swimmer had been a driving force and top planner of all Olympic Summer and Winter Games since 1972.

Calcutta's the venue

CALCUTTA:

CALCUTTA is confirmed as the venue for the 1987 World Cricket Cup final. The state government conveyed this news by a letter to the CAR.

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No funds for Pak

ISLAMABAD

THE joint hosting of the 1987 World Cricket Cup by India and Pakistan receives a blow by reports filtering through from across the border that the Pakistan Board does not have enough finances to host the four matches scheduled there. The BCCP's request for aid from the government was turned down with the explanation that the BCCP should generate the resources from the tournament itself through sponsorship television coverage rights and gate money.

Chris wins

PARIS:

CHRIS Evert Lloyd wins an epic final against Martina Navratilova to clinch the French Open title for a record sixth time. She wins 6-3, 6-7, (4-7) 7-5 in two hours 44 minutes to erase the horrid memories of her 6-3, 6-2 defeat to the world number one last year.



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The mens final is also claimed by an underdog, Mats Wilander, who beat number two seed Ivan Lendl, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, to regain the title he had won in 1983.

Earlier Wilander had beaten top seed John McEnroe in the semi-final 6-1, 7-5, 7-5 while Lendl had demolished Jimmy Connors 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 in the second semi-final.

Martina Navratilova had some consolation though when she teamed up with Pam Shriver to record their eighth consecutive Grand Slam women's doubles victory and their 99th successive win by winning the French Open doubles title.

Somaiya clarifies

NEW DELHI

INDIA's hockey captain at the Asian Cup at Dhaka, Maney Pandey Somaiya clarifies to the IHF executive committee that no player had assaulted the Japanese umpire during the final then. Somaiya stressed that after the controversial goal, more than 5000 spectators had swarmed the goal area and the Indian players were more worried about their own safety than anything else.

Indians out

SINGAPORE:

THE Indian challenge in the Asian Snooker Championship fizzles out with Sanjay Sawant's defeat in the semi-final to Gary Kwok of Hong Kong by four frames to six in the best of 11 frames (44-57, 66-32, 7-79, 64-59, 57-43, 75-19, 63-74, 67-29, 75-47, 71-30).

Kwok later dethroned reigning champion Sakchai Sinngam of Thailand in a dourly fought final 8-5 winning the frames at 73-80, 37-73, 65-50, 77-38, 71-26, 45-68, 28-64, 61-58, 61-23, 105-7, 70-34, 32-75, 48-37 in the best of 15 final.

Top seeded Om Agarwal crashed out in the quarter final to Kwok while Geet Sethi was overcome by countryman Sawant also in the quarters.

Male chauvinist at it again

BOBBY Riggs the incorrigible male chauvinist is at it again. Twelve years after losing to Billie Jean King in tennis first battle of the sexes Riggs is training for a mixed doubles game with a difference.

Riggs 67 and fellow American Vitas Gerulaitis have challenged the world's leading doubles pair Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver to a five set match in Atlantic City new Jersey on August 23.

Riggs brash as ever is confident that he and the equally outspoken Gerulaitis will beat the women's champion in the challenge match and claim the winners' cheque of \$300 000. The losers take 200 000.

Martina may regain her motivation

MEANWHILE Martina Navratilova, unperturbed by the anti-feminist tirade launched by Riggs and Gerulaitis is wondering



Martina Navratilova "I don't know how much better I can get"

WEEKLY WHISPERS

whether it will be old age or the absence of mental challenge which will finish her tennis career.

Physically I could play for another five or 10 years. But mentally? I've been number one for the last four years and it's my 13th year on the circuit. Inevitably it takes a toll, she said in France before the final of the French Open where she was to meet arch-rival Chris Evert Lloyd.

Talking about her motivation problems Navratilova added: It is more difficult being number one than two or three because there is no one to look up to have to beat. About her game and retirement plans Martina said: I don't know how much better I can get. But once I feel I can't get any better that will be the time to stop. Then there will be no place to go. Even the records and winning the events won't mean much if I know I can't get any better.

One can almost sense some of the women tennis players heaving a sigh of relief. But Martina is not done yet. There is still Wimbledon and the US Open to follow and who knows Martina may regain her motivation to rule the tennis world for the next decade.

'tis health food for Ivan Lendl

GONE are the days when Ivan Lendl would polish off three or four carbonated drinks after a match. Gone are the days when dinner consisted of rare steaks, French fries and ice cream. The ice man from Czechoslovakia now sticks to natural breads, pasta, soup, chicken, fruit and fresh vegetables. He has also eliminated sugar from his diet and when thirsty drinks water. And the results are there for all to see this year.

Lendl has lost 12-15 pounds since he began the diet and says he feels fitter and stronger than he did last year at this time. I'm playing with more confidence and I have more victories behind me this year, he said in Paris while participating in the French Open.

The 25-year-old world number two is already looking forward to the world's most prestigious tennis tournament - Wimbledon - beginning in a fortnight's time in London. He has begun training with former Australian star Tony Roche, who he



Ivan Lendl watching his weight

says will teach him how to hit difficult volleys. Tony is such a human, I never knew a human being could be so nice, said Lendl. He did not reveal though that one of the reasons why he chose Roche as coach is because the Australian left-hander is arch-rival McEnroe listening.

Chess Oscar for Karpov

ANATOLY Karpov of the Soviet Union has been awarded the 1984 World Chess Oscar by the International Association of Chess Writers. The award was announced through voting by 118 chess journalists from 46 countries.

The award is sponsored by a Spanish commercial firm and consists of a silver statuette of a lady with an umbrella representing Barcelona. Gary Kasparov of the Soviet Union and Jan Timman of the Netherlands were voted second and third best players in the world in 1984.

The award for the women chess players went to Maya Chiburdanidze of the Soviet Union.

Botham - the big, bad wolf

IN Terrance Botham. The name means so much to so many people that Ian has been given a place in the book of fairy tales.

Not literally of course, but so great is his prowess at the unimaginable and the abnormal that he has become more a legend than a mere mortal.

Botham has had a hand in every Australian defeat at the hands of the Englishmen since 1977, and so rightly the flannelled 'gentlemen' from Down Under are under a psychological disadvantage of having Botham breathing down their necks.

'Beefy Botty' is how Dennis Lillee likes to call Ian, who is on the threshold of overhauling Lillee's 355 test wickets (Botham's has 312).

But according to Scyld Berry who writes for the London Observer Botham has become more like a big bad wolf with the passage of time.

He writes: "The Australians have come to ascribe even to his jockstraps, unearthly powers. No doubt, Mrs. Kimberley Hughes of Perth in Western Australia, and shortly of no fixed address, always warns her errant offspring 'If you don't go to bed this minute, a big bad wolf called Ian will eat you up'."

'So great are Botham's attributes that it is not only the opposition he can daunt and dominate. Without the slightest intention to do so, he may also dominate his own team, and even his captain, David Gower'.

Richards the challenger

AND whilst on Botham, one would like to inform the readers that Viv Richards, in his aristocratic manner has dared Botham to beat his staggering new individual record of 322 notched for Somerset during the current County cham-



Botham...into the realms where ogres dwell. BELOW: Viv Richards...has challenged Botham in the open

pionships

And if you know 'Botty' right he's certainly going to venture into the territory where angels fear to bat.

Viv, like the master cricketer Sunil Gavaskar, seldom squints at the score board while batting. It was not until he lofted the ball over deep extra cover when he received a message from one of the spectators watching him bat that if he could overhaul Harold Gimblett's 37-year-old record of 310 runs in a day he could have one more glass at the pub.

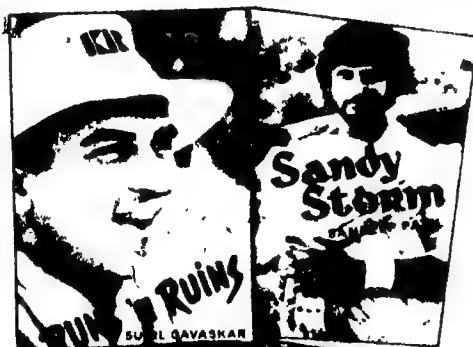
Viv obliged, and the fan must have had several more glasses before tottering up to his missus. For the challenge, Viv says: "If Ian put his mind to it, in his present mood, he could beat me." Now would it not be a spectacle to see these masters at the opposite ends of the wicket plundering the poor bowlers to glory?

P.S.: Ian Botham, seeking a new image, does not wish to be known as Guy the Gorilla any more. After growing his hair long he probably wants to be known as Goldilocks



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Hurry up, don't wait till the last date.

By T.V. Harihar (manager of the Indian team)

Indian weightlifting's finest hour



IT WAS the finest hour for Indian weightlifting at the Fourth Commonwealth Championships held at the Reloai

Mauso Hall Apia (Western Samoa a small island in the South West Pacific Ocean) on the 30th & 31st May. It was a rare opportunity and ofcourse the Indian strongmen seized it to come right on top

Six gold (out of ten) two silver and a bronze medal was fantastic but still more remarkable was that none of our lifters came home empty handed. Our power stars were blazing in the sky and we gathered a total of 137 points leaving way behind the next best Australia and Nigeria with a meagre 59 and 57 points respectively

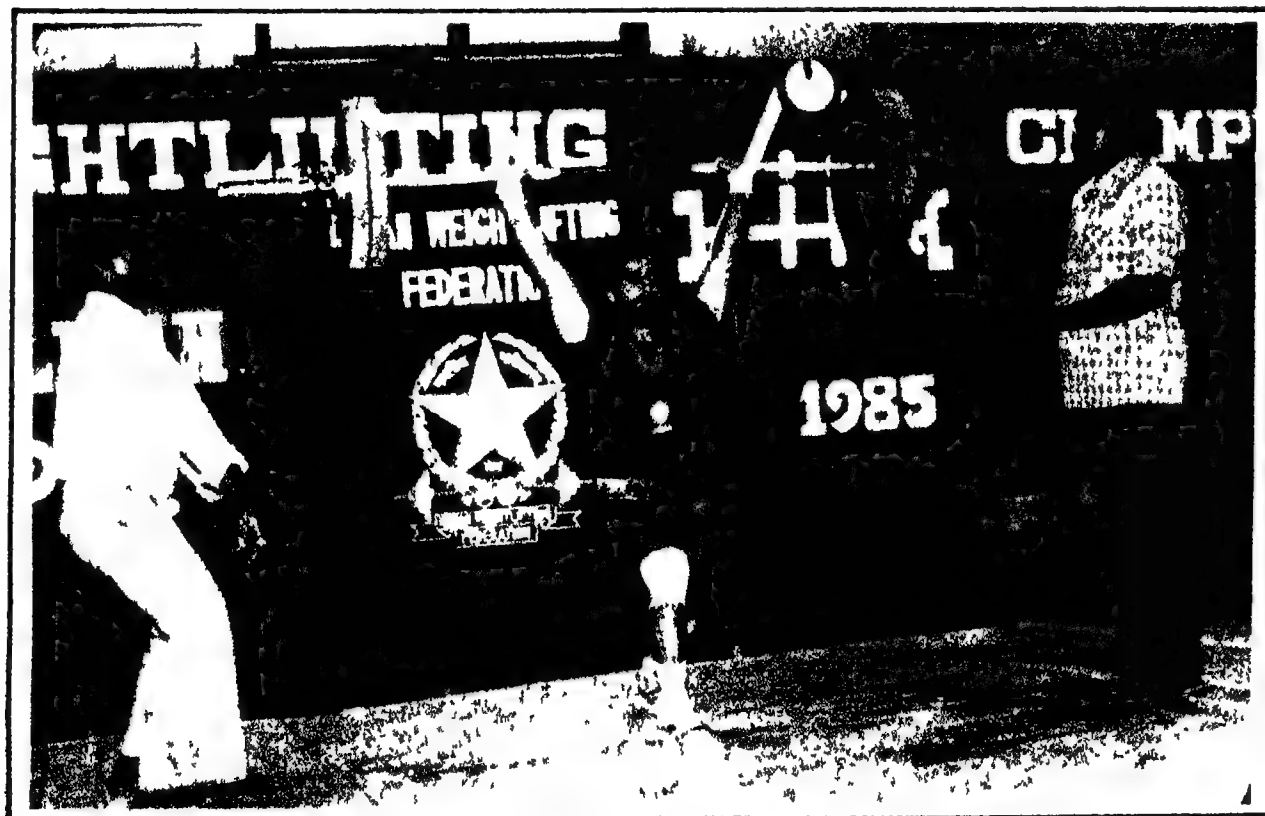
Manikyalu was our only man in the 52 kg category (in the absence

of Mahindran our best who could not come as he was down with jaundice) So this Andhra pocket Hercules and Olympian had to bring out his very best to take the gold. Manikyalu brushed aside the two Australians - Sanches, who lead after the snatch (92.5 kg against the former's 90 kg) and Hayman who started the last in the jerk (115 kg against Manik's 112.5 kg) and fought his way through for a total of 210 kg and the title. This win brought to one's mind the Edmonton victory of Karunakaran who even before becoming a National champion had won the Commonwealth gold.

Parvesh Chandra Sharma and D Akilan the Indian entry in the 56 kg were lucky in that they had no opposition at all. So the question was whether they would repeat their National best. Sharma came up to expectations succeeding with 3 good snatches ending at 105 kg

and two jerks of 122.5 and 130 kg to give him his national total of 235 kg. Akilan whose place in the team was doubtful till the last minute as his passport had not been received was on a low key and could only complete 217.5 kg 7.5 kg less than his Calcutta aggregate. Anyway the gold and silver medals of the class were in our bag.

The picture in the 60 kg class was different. The fight no doubt was between the Nigerian Lawrence Quaiborn and the Indians G. Devan and Tarniselvan. After the snatch in which lift the Nigerian excelled in style all three were equal with 110 kg to their credit. Selvan started with 125 kg in the jerk and made a good lift followed by Quaiborn who also succeeded. Devan came at 127.5 kg for his first good lift. Selvan and Quaiborn got good lifts of 132.5 kg. Devan did 135 kg for his second attempt. The Nigerian did not want to risk and jumped



Parvesh Chander...had no opposition at all in the 56 kg. category and the gold was his.



Goudasamy Deivan - a gold in the bag in the 60 kg category

only 2.5 kg for his final try but after a good clean lift failed to jerk. It became necessary for Tamilisayan to take 137.5 kg as he was heavier in bodyweight but he also failed in the same fashion as Quaborn. So with the title already in his pocket Deivan took 140 kg half heartedly and failed to better his total.

In the first session of the concluding day's programme the 67.5, 75, 82.5 and 90 kg divisions were dubbed together. Egarban, a four-time National winner had only two Saromins to oppose him. For Saromin, though weightlifting is one of their favourite sports they themselves have a long way to go to win medals. Saromin therefore confined himself to playing safe and losing one attempt each in snatch and jerk total 275 kg, 5 kg less than his National best.

Bill Stellios (Australia) who was handsomely built and a popular lifter with the fairer sex was a class in himself and won the 75 kg division totalling 317.5 kg. Though he missed 2 snatches in all his jerks were power packed, the last attempt being with 182.5 kg. Incidentally Stellios is also the Best Lifter based on Sinclair formula used for comparing performance of lifters of different bodyweights.

The 82.5 kg class saw an uneven duel between New Zealand's Michael Bernard and Nigeria's Enkai

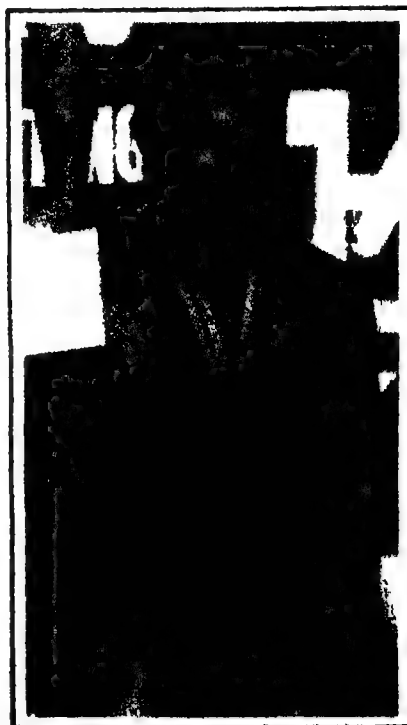
Ajei. Seeing the clear superiority of Bernard, Ajei contentedly took the silver with a total of 285 kg, 22.5 kg behind the winner.

Whereas we had no entry in the 75 and 82.5 kg divisions we entered hopes in the 90 kg and this

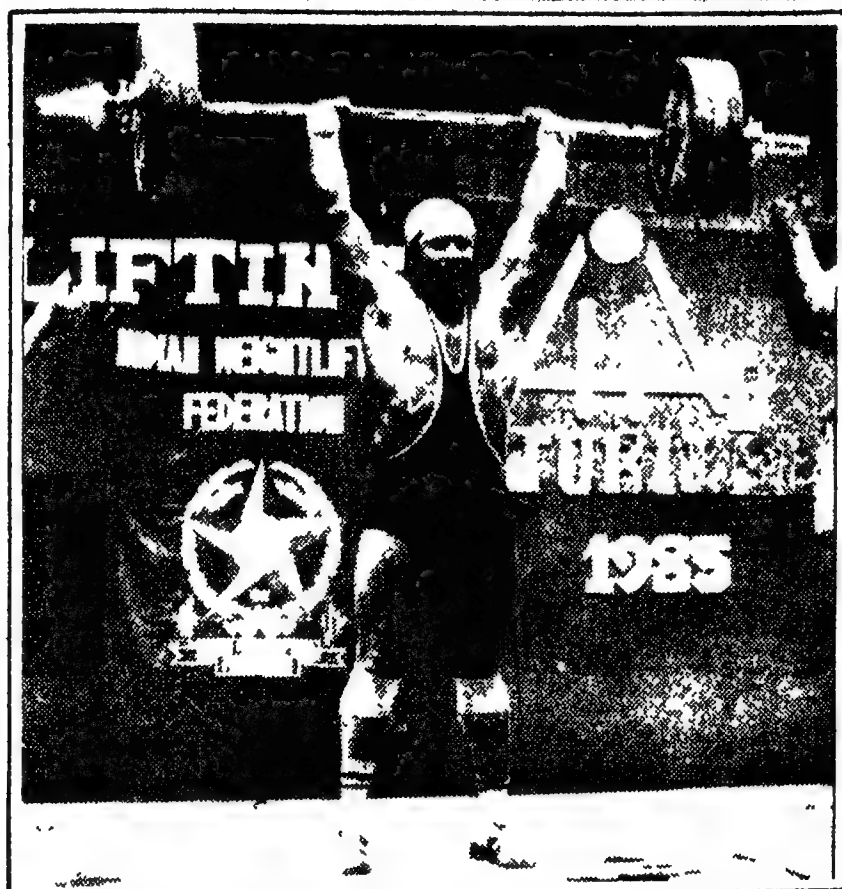
was not belied though our strong man Meherchand had to face a two-pronged attack of Alister Nalder of New Zealand and Emmanuel Oshomah (Nigeria).

After the snatch in which Meherchand excelled succeeding with 130, 140 and 145 kg, the last lift for a new National record, close to him was Oshomah at 142.5 kg and Nalder 7.5 kg further behind. Oshomah came for the jerk at 165 kg and made a good lift. Meherchand lifted 170 kg followed by Nalder at the same weight. Oshomah called for 172.5 kg and failed but repeating the same in his third try did not make any mistake. This gave a total of 310 kg to Oshomah who now had only to watch out if Nalder could catch him. Nalder was lighter in bodyweight than Oshomah and hence took a 5 kg jump, tied with his opponent. Meherchand's success with 177.5 kg for the second attempt gave him the lift and the lead as also a new National record total of 322.5 kg. For his final try Meherchand took 182.5 kg but after the clean he dropped the jerk. It was now the final attempt of Nalder and calling for 187.5 kg just performed a dead lift.

This marked the end of the first session of the concluding day and India secured 2 more gold in 67.5 and 90 kg classes. Australia winning 75 kg and New Zealand taking 82.5 kg.



Manikyallu - 52 kg gold



Balwinder Singh silver in the 110 kg-plus category

India thus fortified its position for the team tally and at this stage the scores were India 107, Australia 43, Nigeria 41 and New Zealand 30 points respectively.

In the final session the remaining classes of 100, 110 and 110 kg+ were decided. The 100 kg division saw keen competition between Gino Frantangelo (Australia) and Kevin Blake (New Zealand) both finishing their snatches at 147.5 kg. Whereas Frantangelo was agile and active as also 4.4 kg lighter than Blake, the latter comparatively was slow. Blake started jerk at 177.5 kg for a good lift and Frantangelo followed with 5 kg more to fail. The Australian succeeded in his second try of 182.5 kg and

Blake added 2.5 kg to take the lead which also was well done. Undaunted Frantangelo called for 190 kg for his final lift which he neatly executed to total 337.5 kg. Blake knew that he had lost the race but tried 192.5 kg without success. Emil Huch of Samoa was ill with 272.5 kg.

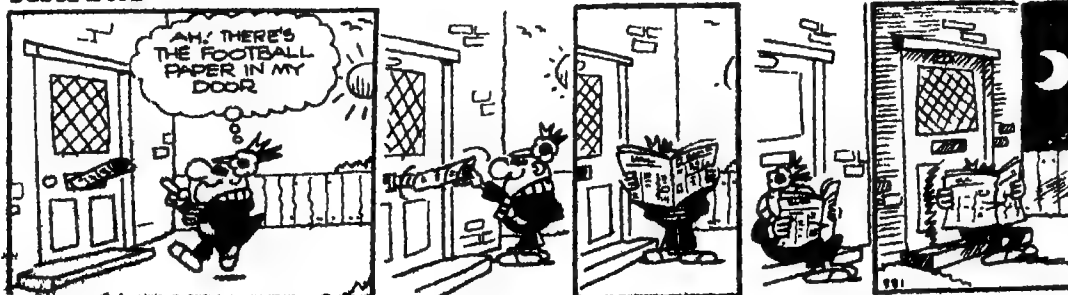
Much was looked forward to in the shape of a duel between the tall Joe Kabalan of Australia and Tara Singh in the 110 kg class. Tara's face revealed strength and tremendous determination. Tara started 130 kg for his snatch and jumped to 140 kg, both becoming good lifts. Only a moment before Kabalan had registered his first failure with 140 kg. Again Kabalan was at 140

kg but ununderstandably failed to complete the lift. It appeared that Kabalan was under some mental pressure, as when he came for his final try with 140 kg he could not even pull it high enough. This brought Tara into his own and calling for 147.5 kg for a new National record performed one of the typical Tara lifts of throwing the weight well behind overhead and locking it. Assured now of the 110 kg title and another gold for India, Tara once again became modest to take only 172.5 kg for his first jerk which gave him both the total and title. Though Kabalan had lost all 3 attempts of the snatch, he wanted to try his hand at the jerk. Coming at 185 kg he made it. Tara took 190 kg for his second attempt and missed it. Taking the same weight Tara succeeded to register a new National record total of 337.5 kg. This incidentally was the highest total recorded by only other lifter of the meet, Frantangelo of Australia in the 100 kg class. Kabalan called for 192.5 kg failing with it in the second try made it in his last attempt.

In the Super-heavy (110 kg+) division there were 3 lifters - B Oluoma (Nigeria), Balwinder Singh (India) and F. Iopu (Samoa) but the real encounter was between the Nigerian and the Indian. Though flabbily built, Oluoma performed his lifts exceedingly well, pulling the weight close and high and completing and extending the throws fully. Balwinder was rather slow in his movements which reflected in his lifts. After the snatch, Oluoma had a valuable lead of 7.5 kg. Balwinder commenced his jerk at 165 kg and made it. The Nigerian came at 170 kg for an easy lift. Oluoma took 177.5 kg for the second attempt which also received three white lights. This lift put Oluoma 20 kg ahead of Balwinder. The Indian reduced the lead by succeeding with 180 kg for his second attempt. Calculatedly Oluoma called for a jump of only 5 kg for another fine lift to total 330 kg, 10 kg ahead. Forced to take 192.5 kg because of his heavier bodyweight, Balwinder tried the weight however declining to oblige.

FANatic

by Marcus



A Matter Of Time

By Dennis Lillee

I'M NOT nearly silly enough to believe that my 355 Test wickets will stand indefinitely as the world record. I can envisage the day—the rate at which Tests are being played — when that figure will be stretched to something like 500.

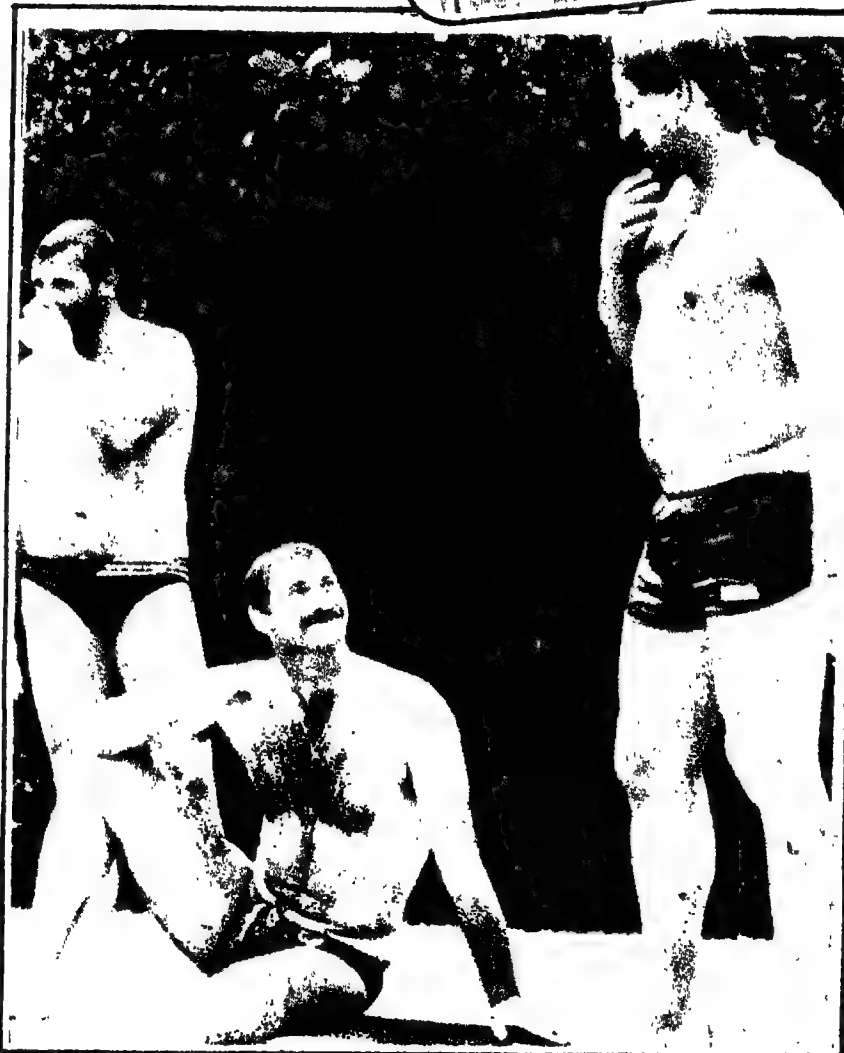
In sport, one thing is constant: performances always improve. I can't recall it going the other way. Men and women run faster, swim faster and endure longer. Sport is becoming so professional these days that the fitness I reached during my career will pale into insignificance when we look at the demands awaiting those over the next ten years.

Cricket, although a "different" sport, will keep pace with the improvement boom. The result will be a greater reward for the players and with those rewards will come the new records. It is inevitable.

I think Bob Willis, that tireless England workhorse, may be the first to top my figure. He will have to overcome a pretty severe setback to do it, but I know the spirit of the man and I'm well-aware that it's very dangerous to put anything beyond him. Bob must be nearing the end of the international road. I think he might be struggling to overcome injury.

The Test and County Cricket Board had taken the captaincy from him and this could have been easily read as a clear sign that Bob was running out of time. But I still reckon Willis, who is really breathing down my neck with 319 Test scalps, will survive another crisis and come back again. If he does, and if he betters my 355 wickets, I think it will be merely a matter of time — and not a great deal of time either—before his or my record falls to a colleague, Ian Botham.

Yes; Botham—now a much larger version of the man who exploded on to the Test scene seven years ago—looms as the one to set a more durable record. As I said, there is much more Test cricket being played these days and the more bowling you do, obviously, the more chance you have of taking



Beefy Botham and me relaxing at a poolside

wickets. It is in this area that Botham has the advantage. He is still only 28 and I can see him playing another six or seven years, even though he often looks as though he's been spending too much time in the pizza parlour lately.

Another player who could give my record a nudge in the longer term is Imran Khan. The Pakistan captain had his own special purgatory in Australia in the summer of 1983-84 and he will have to get over the chronic shin injury. But a fit Imran would have many seasons

and a lot of wickets ahead of him. Apart from that stress shin fracture, he is a tremendously fit athlete. Although he likes the good life, he doesn't drink or smoke and obviously gets plenty of early nights.

Another waiting in the wings and ready to swoop is India's Kapil Dev. Kapil seems to have been ageless in his mid-twenties for some time now and I'd be surprised if even he really knows how old he really is. It matters little because he is a bloody fine bowler — he keeps taking wick-



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ets and we are going to see a lot more about him.

While I believe Botham will be the one to set the more longstanding record, I have a great deal of respect for the ability of the two from the Third World. Both Imran and Kapil have spent many summers toiling away on unresponsive pitches in their home countries. Their respective records represent quite remarkable feats in those circumstances.

Records never meant a great deal to me but I must admit I became

more aware of them as I advanced towards the twilight of my career. Reaching 350 Test wickets was a good final milestone. In retrospect I would have been disappointed had I missed it.

I've never been a statistics man. If I had, I suppose I could say I played against the Rest of the World and took 20-odd wickets; I took about 80 in World Series Cricket; and against other countries like New Zealand when they were not playing Australia in Tests.

I missed two years with my back

injury, too, so I guess I could have been up around the 500 mark. No, it shouldn't be too long before someone else gets over the 400 mark and sets sail after the magic 500.

My days as record-holder are numbered but I'll be the first to congratulate the guy who beats my mark. Being second-third-or-fourth-best won't worry me at all because I'll know that I did as well as anyone else in my time. And when I sit there with an ear trumpet and long grey beard, that will be pretty important to me.

CRICKET'S MOST BEAUTIFUL OFFERING

Come In, Spinner

THERE may be a theory among the uninitiated that the typical fast bowler regards the spinner as a poor relation. It is not so. Not in my case anyway, or in the case of any cricketer – no matter what his speciality – who regards bowling (fast, slow or otherwise) as an art form.

No, the public at large may regard the spinner as a poor relation these days but the cricketing fraternity itself does not.

It is a fact of life that fast bowling was "the thing" in cricket of the 1970s and has stayed that way so far in the '80s. It is a symptom of the times, I guess. These are exciting times and fast bowlers generate excitement. But I am personally saddened by the fact that the times have relegated the spinner to the back seat at just about every level of cricket.

The successful fast bowlers seemed to appear on the scene almost simultaneously in the '70s and up-and-coming players, inevitably influenced by their impact, accentuated the trend towards pace, pace and more pace.

The philosophy developed that without pace – and lots of it – you couldn't win a game of cricket. I'm not complaining. Why should I? Fast bowling was my life and it sure beat counting other people's money as a teller in a bank.

But I still regret that a more equitable balance between pace and spin was not maintained, that so many would-be spinners abandoned the craft they were learning to become involved in the pace push because turning the ball was not, at the time, fashionable.

The spinner will, however, make



Bishen Singh Bedi... most deadly with this art

a comeback. As surely as pace dominates one given era of cricket, spin will dominate another, and batting yet another. Cricket runs in such cycles. It has always been so.

In Australia's case, Fred (the Demon) Spofforth set our first speed cycle in motion. Another was generated by Jack Gregory and Ted McDonald. Speed was highlighted yet again by Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller and, in the 1970s, by Jeff Thomson and myself.

In other eras, spin was supreme and class spinners were devastating and the biggest drawcards in cricket.

Few who saw them will ever forget the patterns of destruction woven by Clarrie Grimmett and Bill O'Reilly in the 1930s. In both Australia and England, on all types of surfaces, Grimmett was the pivot of Australia's attack. A small, gnome-like character with an almost round-arm action, his accuracy and guile with leg-breaks and top-spinners wrote his name indelibly into cricket history.

In just 37 Tests, he took 216 wickets at an average of 24.21. I enjoyed a much longer career – 70 Tests – and finished with a slightly better average, 23.92. However, in terms of wicket-average per match, Grimmett is ahead by 5.83 to 5.07. He left no doubts as to the potency of the slow bowler.

O'Reilly was his great partner in spin, as tall as Grimmett was short and, therefore, the perfect foil for him. He was equally deadly. They didn't call him "Tiger" for nothing. He bowled leg-breaks and googlies with skill and venom which moved Sir Donald Bradman to describe



Abdul Qadir. . spin that spelt success

him as the greatest bowler of his era. His figures, in 27 Tests were 144 wickets at 22.59 apiece – a wicket-average of 5.33 per Test.

World War II brought that great spinning era to a close. It also ushered in Lindwall and Miller – a brand new phase. It did not, however, push the spinner into obscurity. Indeed, Australian sides were always balanced by the inclusion of men like Colin McCool, Ian Johnson and, for one magnificent season, Jack Iverson.

Historians will for ever tell of Jim Laker's 46 wickets against Australia in England in 1956. Abetting him was my future Sheffield Shield captain Tony Lock, a marvellously aggressive and talented spin bowler worth his place in any eleven in the world, as was Deadly Derek Underwood, much in the mould of Tony Lock's type of bowling.

The West Indies produced the fabulous spinners Sonny Ramadhin and Alf Valentine and Garry Sobers

(who could bowl at any pace) and the great Lance Gibbs. While fast bowling and the West Indies are synonymous today, Gibbs bowled 27,115 balls for his country to become the first – and so far the only – slow bowler to take 300 Test wickets. His final tally of 309 remained a world record until I was lucky enough to break it one afternoon at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. What sort of advancement the West Indies would have made at the time as a Test nation without Gibbs does not bear thinking about.

The fact that the spinner has played such a small role in West Indian attacks of recent years is testimony to two facts – the simultaneous emergence of a remarkable clutch of outstanding fast bowlers in the Caribbean and the reluctance of the Windies selectors to play a spinner who might not be good enough at Test level.

This illustrates a point of high importance that it is foolish to play a spin bowler merely to add

balance to a side. He must always earn his place in an eleven. In other words, there is always room for the very good spin bowler, but otherwise always go for the good medium-pacer or fast man.

Ideally, as in the cases of Grimmett and O'Reilly and Ramadhin and Valentine, two great spinners together are a blessing for any captain. It is a great bonus but a rarity.

Australia's finest post-war spinner, Richie Benaud, operated without a spin partner throughout his Test career. Richie played 63 Tests from 1951-52 until 1963-64 against some of the world's finest batsmen and gathered 248 victims at an average of 27.03. He, like Gibbs and Tayfield, was a spinner who held his country's Test bowling record.

It would never do to discuss great spinners and great spinning nations without mentioning India's contributions. India has produced some magnificent slow bowlers in the post-war era – names like Bishan Bedi (266 Test wickets), B. S. Chandrasekhar (242), E. A. S. Prasanna (189) and S. Venkataraghavan (155). Between them they performed some glorious bowling deeds for their country. They were as potent in their own way as any quartet of West Indian express bowlers. What any captain today would do for just two of them!



Ashley Mallett the art of off-spin finely show-cased



'Tiger' O'Reilly... 'I never saw him but he must have been one hell of a bowler'

Richie Benaud's retirement marked the end of an era in Australian bowling. Australia has had no leg-spinner of his calibre since. Why? The truth is that there have been very few really great leg-spinners at any time in history.

This is because leg-spinning is an extremely difficult art to master, the most difficult of all cricketing trades. It has become more difficult still with the advent of one-day cricket because leg-spinners have

often tended to buy their wickets—a feature which would hardly endear them to one-day captains.

But it can be done, as Pakistan's Abdul Qadir has shown with his successes in all types of cricket. He may be one in a million—a real wizard—but if he has inspired even a mere handful of youngsters to follow his path, he will have achieved much for the game of cricket.

For good or otherwise, the glamour and excitement of bowling

has always come from the fast men. They have made a great spectacle of their skill. But so has Qadir. He is young enough to go on to real greatness and he may in due course be seen to have inaugurated a new and exciting era for the spinner. I truly hope so, for the spinner's art is one of cricket's most beautiful offerings.

The timing of the slow bowler's re-emergence as a dominant force will depend largely on the type of pitches the future produces and on the degree of adventure selectors will show.

Budding spinners should certainly not despair, however. As I have said, they need only be good enough and a place in senior cricket is theirs. They cannot expect favoured treatment merely because they are an unusual breed.

Quality spinners have moved to the very top more than once for Australia in the last dozen or so years. Both Bill Lawry and Ian Chappell must have been very grateful for the presence in their sides of Ashley Mallett, whose sharp spin and awkward bounce brought him 132 Test wickets in 38 Tests at an average of 29.84. He was somewhat more expensive than the spinners who preceded him, but he had the invaluable quality of being able to bowl well in all countries.

Mallett was one of the many spinners who took several years to mature, as did Bruce Yardley, my West Australian colleague. After being advised to abandon his medium-pace aspirations, Yardley took to off-spin and improved year by year.

He entered the Test scene somewhat unobtrusively during the days of World Series Cricket and maintained his rate of improvement to become an integral part of Australia's Test attack. I was disappointed when he retired from first-class cricket in his mid-thirties, already with 126 Test victims to his name and, in my opinion, the prospect of many more still before him.

Australia's spinning cupboard is pretty bare at the moment. W.A.'s Tom Hogan is our best prospect. He has had little international experience and he will improve as he is given more opportunities.

It would be a great thing for Australian cricket if he developed into a top-liner and inspired a new generation of tweekers.

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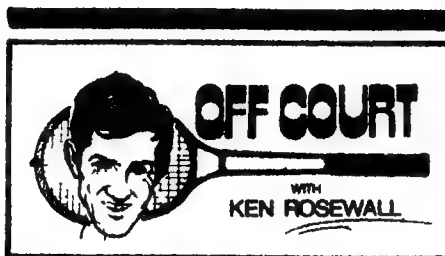
Toll of the courts

BJORN BORG quit the international circuit because he had suffered enough from its pressures the continuous travel and the necessity of devoting his whole life to preparing playing - and then recovering from - matches day after day after day

Now I hear that John McEnroe intends to retire from the circuit in another four years. It's for the same reasons as Borg, but with a overt attitude that there is more to life than just hitting a million balls across a three feet high net every year

He will, of course, be rich for the rest of his life - and for the lives of any children who come along - providing his doesn't fritter away his assets with stupid ventures. And I feel he won't

Quite clearly he is striving to beat Borg's record of winning



Wimbledon five years in succession. Despite all his misdemeanours on court, McEnroe has a great feeling for tennis and all its better traditions. Note that he always wears his USA Davis Cup jacket on court and with great pride

Of course, he and Borg are in ideal financial situation now, but they really worked like slaves in acquiring such security. The public

- and quite a few tennis officials - deplore the immense amounts of prize money around the circuit. But those who win most of it, have given everything to tennis with a determination seldom found outside sport. Specialisation is the price they pay, and to that extent they deserve their pickings

The recent Monte Carlo and Dallas 'biggies' emphasised - if emphasis is at all needed - the physical and mental demands of world top ten tennis ranking. Take the Swedes Henrik Sundstrom and Joakim Nystroms, and the inevitable Czech Ivan Lendl. They slogged away on the outdoor, red clay courts for a series of grinding hours on slow surface outdoors. Believe me, those Monte Carlo courts, though beautifully groomed, take tremendous toil of any ambitious circuit professional

Human assessment needed

IT MAY BE THE era of computers but when it comes to world tennis rankings, there are many factors which need human assessment. So it is customary for a number of long-term experts or well-respected committees to produce their own top ten rankings at the end of each year, and to publish them

Sifting takes a lot of time so such rankings do not usually reach the general public until late in January or during February. One of the best respected is produced by the American magazine Tennis via their committees - one for men and women spread across the world through authorities in Australia, Japan, France, England, Italy and the USA, with the managing director of Tennis magazine Alexander McNab

Their work is unique in one way because their all-embracing rankings are then re-drawn for standings on four different surfaces, namely grass, indoor, clay (those loose-surface red courts) and hard courts (in most places concrete, and the various acrylic surfaces which now proliferate)

In all but one case, the top four remain the same, in name but not in order. For example, John McEnroe is top on grass, indoor and hard courts, but he is pushed down to

second place when it comes to clay - that is Ivan Lendl's right. The other two named are Jimmy Connors, who ranks second on grass, indoor and hard, but it is not rated at all on clay. On that surface, he is replaced by Andres Gomez and Henrik Sundstrom. Fifth place is shared by Pat Cash, Anders Jarryd and Sundstrom

The women vary a great deal more, but Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd are first and

second on all surfaces. When it comes to the surface break-down, there is a different player for each, namely Hana Mandlikova, Kathy Jordan, Manuela Maleeva, and Carling Bassett. Pam Shriver is fourth on grass and indoors, but nowhere on clay or hard courts

Manuela, aged 17, may be a new name for many readers, for she comes from Bulgaria where little attention is paid to tennis. But not by the Maleeva family, for mother is a multi-winner of that country's championship. She seems to be an even better coach than competitor, for by turning to the under-18 world rankings, you see the name again, but prefixed by Katerina instead of Manuela. Katerina is only 15 years old, and soon she may be finding herself chased by the third sister of the family

When it comes to ages, however, look out for Gabriela Sabatini, Argentina, who is 14, rising 15 and already the conqueror of many top class high rankers. She heads the girl juniors, with 15 year old Steffi Graf at sixth. Boris Becker 17 is only third among the boys, but what a service he has. There will be many thrills in 1985. Perhaps most of them from mid-teens. It should be exciting

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HANA MANDLIKOVA...perhaps the most complete woman player on the international circuit, Mandlikova lacks the concentration and will which makes a champion. This is a crucial year for her.

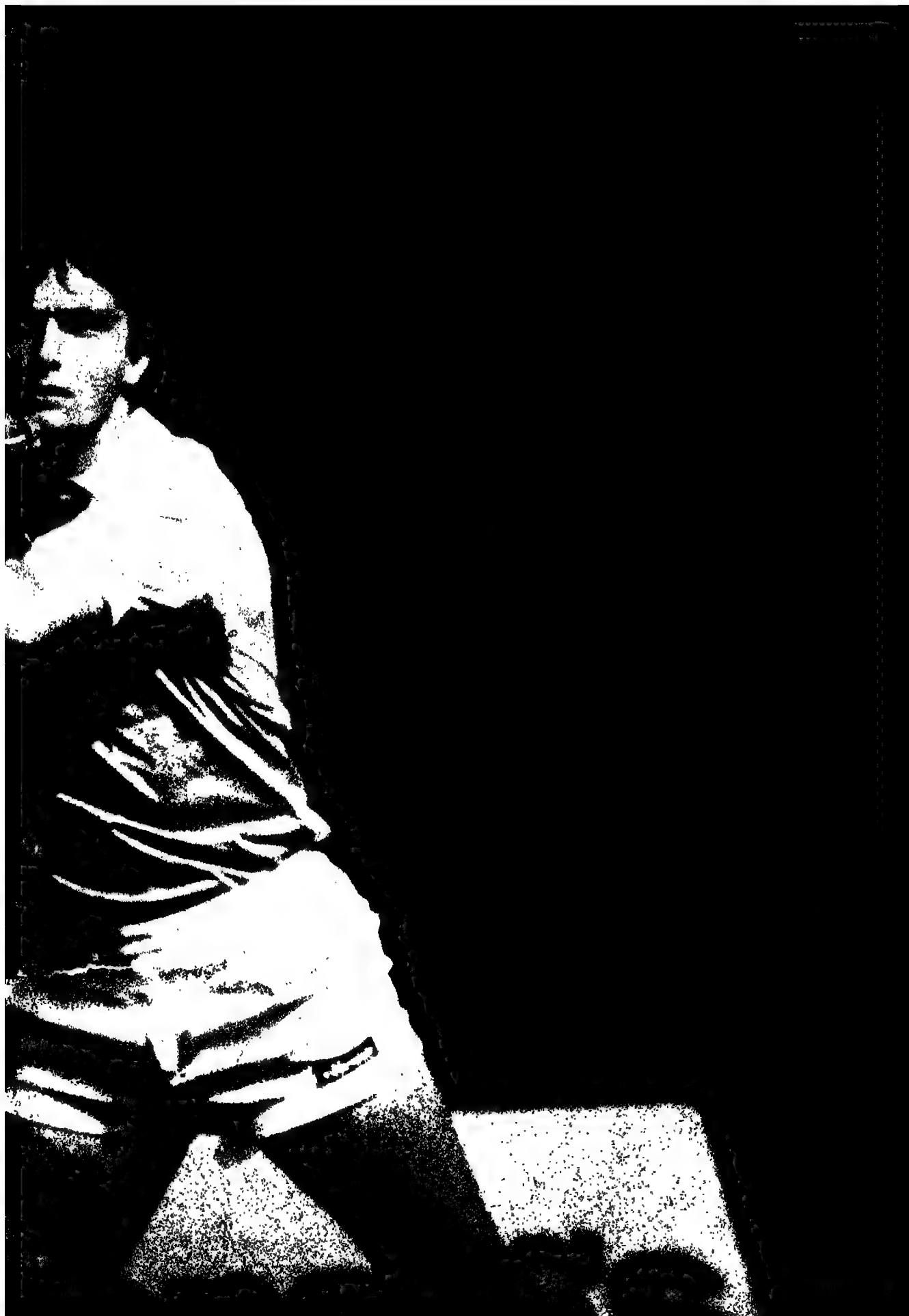
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HENRI LECONTE...one of the brightest stars on the tennis firmament, 21-year-old Leconte pulled off one of the biggest upsets in the French Open by beating Yannick Noah. The French had no reason to complain though. Leconte is as much of a sentimental favourite as his illustrious countryman

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"I don't think I have lost my form and I still hope to make the Indian team," says the Salgaocar and former India captain, Brahmanand

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INTERVIEW

BRAHMANAND SHANKAWALKAR



"I'm still hopeful"

THE 9TH FEDERATION Cup Football Tournament at Bangalore gave Brahmanand an opportunity to prove that his sharp edge has not blunted and he can be given the nod in the Indian team. Brahmanand was at his best in the second leg semi-finals against Mohun Bagan and it was his misfortune that his teammates let him down in the tie breaker after he had saved two penalty kicks to give Salgaocar a 3-1 lead. SPORTSWEEK asked Brahmanand a few questions after the match to know his feelings on his recent showings.

Q. DO YOU think you have a chance to come back in the Indian team?

A. IF THE performance in the Federation Cup is the basis for selecting a player, then I feel that I have a small chance to regain my place in the National side. We (Salgaocar) had a golden opportunity to reach the finals after I had managed to save twice in the tie breaker to find ourselves leading at 3-1. I think we were destined to lose. But it hurts when you lose the game after having dominated throughout.

"I don't think I lost my form at any time during the season. I was satisfied with my performance in the Sait Nagjee and the Madura Coats tournaments before coming to Bangalore for the Federation Cup. All that I can say is that we did not have the luck in Bangalore this

season. I was unlucky to have been left out of the Indian team. But I have not lost heart and I feel I should be back in the side soon.

Q. WHAT WERE the reasons for Goa's bad performance in the recent Nationals?

A. FIRST OF all, I blame the Goa Football Association for having held the coaching camp for just ten days. Teams like Maharashtra, Services, had long practice sessions prior to the tournament and you cannot expect a team to win the Nationals with inadequate practice. The GFA held the coaching camp when the Italian Youth team played an exhibition game against Goa XI. But the camp was discontinued when the Nationals were postponed and was resumed only a few days before the Nationals had started.

We were also unlucky to miss the services of our coach Shanmugham. The absence of Camilo Gonsalves and Maurice Afonso also weakened the side a bit. Anthony Rebello, Derick Pereira and Arnold Rodrigues who were in the team last year were also conspicuous by their absence. In the end, there was no proper combination due to lack of team-practice. Our halves could not function properly and this put pressure on our defence. We had a very impressive midfield combination of Herbert, Maurice and Arnold last year at Madras.

Q. WHICH WAS the best side in the Nationals this time?

A. Undoubtedly Punjab were a strong side this year. Parminder was their best performer in the midfield and Parmar as usual was very sound in defence. Punjab has really made remarkable progress in recent times.

Q. What was the reason for JCT's poor showing?

A. JCT ARE virtually a Punjab side. They did well to lift the Madura Coats trophy and also the Sait Nagjee trophy. Probably they were tired after having played too much football. They also had to travel a lot. I am sure JCT will regain their good form.

Q. HOW LONG WILL you be able to play at the top level?

A. I FEEL I can continue playing for at least another five years. I am young and I still have lot of enthusiasm for the game. I do lot of exercises to keep fit.

Q. WHAT ABOUT Goa's chances of regaining the National Championship again?

A. Goa undoubtedly will be a stronger side next year. Derick Pereira and Lector Mascarenhas have both left Tatas to join Salgaocar and Dempo respectively. Anthony D'Souza has also left Mahindras to rejoin Sesa. This definitely augurs well for Goa.

AJIT K. MOYE

AFTERMATH OF THE 'BRUSSELS MASSACRE'

The heartbreak and fury now in Italy

By Michael Parry



THREE hundred yards from Juventus's magnificent Comunale stadium I sat in a bar and watched on TV as dozens of the club's supporters came home from the big match in coffins

The grief was indescribable. The man next to me threw his arms in the air, let out a long piercing wail and then collapsed on to his knees beating the floor with his fists

Everybody was shaking their heads and crying or standing rigid, constantly scratching a crucifix on their chests

The walls of the bar carried the pictures of past and present Turin players including the great Welsh star John Charles who wore their shirt in the late fifties

Outside in the street the pave

ments were littered with remnants of burned Union Jacks and pictures of Liverpool which had been torn to shreds. British cars had had their panels kicked in and 'British bastards' had been daubed in paints on the white walls of the Comunale

As a Briton who had entered Italy on a passport issued in Liverpool I wasn't exactly the most popular man in the place. As the immigration official at the airport put it: 'I don't know why you have come. We have no welcome for you today.'

The atmosphere was so intimidating that a friendly taxi driver advised me to try to speak French and at several hotels I was told no rooms were available

Back in the bar saying sorry seemed a bit inadequate as I watched the TV pictures of wives, girlfriends and mothers draped over coffins in convulsions of tears

Anyway, most people in Turin are not in a forgiving mood

Some fans stare and mutter 'death to Liverpool'. Many people cannot or do not want to hide their anger and hatred on the British

'Why have you come? Do you want to gloat further?' asked one barman who refused me a drink. 'I don't serve Englishmen. You are all too drunk already. You are always drunk. Perhaps the massacre would not have happened if the English were not drunk.'

All of a sudden nobody speaks English. You stand there trying to explain you would like a packet of cigarettes and even shouting 'cigarette' and making gestures failed to bring any response

Many people do not want to be seen talking to or assisting an Englishman in case they too become victims of other Italian's anger



A - fans and the police before the European Cup final in Brussels

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The heartbreak and fury now in Italy



The scramble for safety... and towards death

Their fears are well founded. At a school in Balzano a 13 year old boy was beaten so hard by his class mates that he had to go to hospital. His crime? His name is Daniel and his mother is English.

And in the four-star Concord Hotel - Turin's best - a waiter asked me to remove the English newspaper from my table over dinner. He thought it might "inflamm" some people.

Even the pop world has been affected. The group China Crisis cancelled an engagement in Bologna fearing for their lives - the group are all from Liverpool.

Trying to reason with emotional, hot-blooded Italians about the disaster is not easy.

I have tried to tell many people that in England, and more particularly in Liverpool, we are all ashamed of the louts and that our hearts go out to the families of those who were killed.

But they don't believe us.

One Italian pointed out to me that Liverpool fans had a banner at the

match which said "Munich 58".

The sick banner was designed to provoke Manchester United fans watching on TV, as a reminder of the dreadful Munich air crash.

Such sick people could only

FIFA also bans English clubs

BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher welcomed the chance to restore the good name of English soccer after the International Soccer Federation (FIFA) declared an indefinite ban on English club teams over last week's fatal riot at a Brussels stadium.

"I think we fully understand why the (FIFA) have made it and I hope we shall be able to take steps which will restore our good name both at home and in international football," Mrs Thatcher told the House of Commons.

She made her remarks after ruling Conservative Party leader Anthony Nelson said the FIFA ruling, announced in Zurich today, was "a wholly justified decision".

gloat about death. I don't believe they can be sorry," said one Italian.

"What will they be carrying next year? - Brussels 85".

One fan suggested that Britain should show it is sorry by finding the hooligans who started the trouble and sending them to Italy to be tried for murder.

He added: "And then, and he pulled his thumb sharply across his throat."

The easiest way for me to try and appreciate how they feel is to imagine being back at home standing in front of Liverpool's famous Liver building and watching 38 hearses pass by on their way back from Anfield.

The tragedy seems to have torn the soul out of this grimy, industrial city where football rates alongside religion.

But despite all the grief and despair, those who should have been hurt most - the real football fans - want to forget the anger and start building bridges which will once again allow British footballers to

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play on Italian soil and the rest of the Continent.

Even amongst passionate Juventus supporters shock and hurt have been replaced by a universal desire to take football away from the mindless thugs and give it back to the true supporters.

British hooligans were undoubtedly to blame for the horror at Brussels' Heysel stadium, but at the same time it is true to say that Juventus has an active gang of travelling thugs known as the "Bianco e Nero" or "black and white fury" after the colours of the team.

Veteran fan Benito Colechia, still

wiping the tears after seeing the return of the dead, told me:

"We all know the players and the coaches of Liverpool are good men. It's the same at Juventus. But we both have the terror. We know here in Italy how Liverpool feels today.

"The real tragedy is I don't think it will be safe for Liverpool or any British team to ever come to Turin again. The 'fury' will be laying in wait. The thugs will never forget and they will want revenge.

"They will not forget and they will want to kill Englishmen. They want to kill Englishmen now. If they were in here you would not be safe."

Over at the Comunale stadium a nervous official showed me into a room where there were literally thousands of letters from England piled on the floor. Most bore the postmarks from Liverpool or north England and some even contained a fiver as a gesture to try to apologise for the carnage.

One letter said simply: "I am sorry and I share your grief - Ron, a Kopite."

From such gestures there is hope in Italy that our national anthem might once again ring around the stadia of Europe.

MERSEY POLICE HOLD TWO YOUTHS JUST FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION

We did not start death riot, say terrified fans as mob seeks revenge

By Roger Tavener and David Stoakes

TWO YOUTHS were being held by the police for their own protection last week after denying claims that they led the Brussels death riot.

An angry crowd gathered outside the home of one of the Liverpool fans after they were reported to have boasted: "We're proud of it. We'll probably be the heroes of the Kop next year."

But terrified 18-year-old Terry Wilson and Steve McDonald said: "It's all lies."

Several telephoned death threats were received by police stations.

And market porter Terry of Norville Road, Broad Green, Liverpool, admitted before being taken away by police: "I'm scared stiff."

McDonald, an apprentice electrician, of Elgin Court, Rainhill, claimed they only got involved in the European Cup carnage, which left 38 dead, to save a child.

He said: "We saw a little boy wearing a Liverpool hat and shorts being attacked and kicked by Italians so we went to help."

Wilson agreed: "We went to save the kid, and during the chaos I did hit an Italian but that was in self-defence.

"From then on we just fought



to get out of the ground.

"There is no way we were the ringleaders of the violence, that's just rubbish."

Merseyside police said they took the youths away at their own request to protect them.

A spokesman said: "Now we want to find out if there is any truth in what they are supposed to have said."

Families of both youths vigorously denied that their sons were involved.

Wilson's father, 46-year-old car worker Walter said: "The first I heard was on the radio and I nearly dropped dead. My wife was almost hysterical. But it's clearly a set-up. There's no way Terry would have done that."

And his mother Ann said "Terry said to me he felt like a leper when he was making his way home in his Liverpool colours. He was terribly upset by the deaths."

THE seeds of football violence were sown when players started hugging and kissing on the field, it was claimed today. That marked the end of gentlemanly behaviour in the game, said an authority on upper-class manners, Harold Brooks-Baker, of Burke's Peerage.

Britain's 'Barmy Armies'

By Stuart Weir

In the aftermath of the carnage at the Liverpool and Juventus football match in Brussels, a correspondent examines the rise of soccer hooliganism in Britain. He finds that violence became a feature of the game in the 1960s with the rise of the Skinhead youth cult, and has developed into organised armies of supporters.

IN A BRITAIN deeply troubled and shocked by the tragedy in Brussels the most popular remedy for football hooliganism was the reintroduction of compulsory military service for young men

Ironically most of the football hooligans themselves would welcome such an outcome. Most major football clubs in Britain now have their organised gangs of young men who go to matches with the intention of fighting rival gangs and they all describe themselves as armies.

Recently for example Tottenham Hotspur fans were circulating duplicated notices headed Read and pass on. The Tottenham Army will assemble outside Sloane Square Tube Station. At 1pm we will march off. One of their most common chants is We are Tottenham's barmy army.

Fans even ascribe ranks to themselves. The ringleader of a gang of Cambridge fans recently gaol'd for five years for organising savage attacks on visiting supporters was known to his gang as The General.

These young men are also excessively nationalistic. Travelling abroad but even at home they frequently carry Union Jacks and the British fans who rioted during the European Nations Cup match in Turin in 1980 painted their faces in the red white and blue of the national flag and sang Rule Britannia.

They were promptly denounced by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for bringing shame upon Britain, but they believed they were upholding Britain's honour abroad just as their peers were to do in the Falklands two years later. They are in short, a symbol of Britain's own confused post-imperial identity – a horde of Mr Hydes to plague the Prime Minister's prime Mrs Jekyll.

But it was not always like this, as a puzzled Britain tells itself. Violence at football matches was rare in the 1940s and 1950s – an official report in 1968 found that there were perhaps a dozen incidents a season.

The only exception was Glasgow where brutalising poverty and religious bigotry created continuing gang rivalry between Glasgow Rangers and Celtic fans from the 1920s onwards.

But as young working class youths in Britain's inner cities became steadily detached from their traditional cultures and began to construct their own, they turned to gang violence and organised vandalism away from football grounds. Teenagers adopted successive waves of fashionable lifestyles and their representatives – teddy boys, Mods, Rockers, Skinheads – took their gang rivalry into the public arena.

Violence began to spill onto the football terraces in the early 1960s. But though grounds resounded to chants of You're gonna get your f--- heads kicked in, British sociologists probably correctly, warned

The organised gangs have not only to outwit each other but also the police force

against overreacting. The chants, they explained, were largely ritualistic; few heads were actually kicked in. It was the arrival of the Skinhead tradition, in the late 1960s which brought real violence into football.

The Skinheads reasserted what they regarded as traditional working class attitudes. They were hard and tough, and ever ready for a ruck (fight). They exaggerated their working class identity by wearing cropped hair and by dressing uniformly in large boots, braces and open-necked shirts.

They gathered together in the traditional working class meeting places of young men – the uncovered "ends" (terraces) of the major football grounds – and brought to them a fierce sense of "territoriality". They turned the passionate tradition of support, as represented by the celebrated fans of the Liverpool "Kop" (named patriotically after the Boer War battle of Spion Kop) or Manchester United's Strاتفورد End, into something more

sinister battles between the "ends" themselves.

The Skinhead image has now been discarded, but Britain's socially disadvantaged young men have carried on and developed their aggressive codes of behaviour. Their example has spread far beyond the "armies" of the major clubs. Now almost every football club in Britain has its 'hard nuts', however small the contingent might be. And older men, in their 20s or 30s, join in and marshal the youngster.

The gang warfare between the "armies" is now highly organised. They have to outwit not only each other, but also a police force which employs complex techniques to segregate fans at the grounds, on the streets and at nearby railway stations too (which explains the British criticisms of the failure of the Brussels police to take adequate segregation measures).

The major objective for every "army" is to "take (occupy) the opposing fans' end or to make the other team's fans run". They also seek to ambush each other outside the grounds and practise elaborate deceptions to trick rival fans into their ambush.

They glory in the kind of denunciation from figures in authority which has followed the Brussels tragedy. They are anti-authoritarian, openly racist, hostile to intellectuals, students and homosexuals.

It is hardly surprising therefore, that John Smith, Liverpool's chairman, should allege that fascist groups were behind the charge which led to the Brussels carnage. Certainly, the National Front and British Movement seek converts among football fans, and openly incite them to xenophobia as well as racial hatred.

But there are other explanations for their behaviour in the Hysel Stadium. The simplest is that their charge was a spontaneous reaction to the taunts and missiles from Juventus fans. It is also possible that they were seeking to revenge the beatings and stabbings which Liverpool fans suffered last year outside Roma's ground.

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CALCUTTA DIARY



FOOTBALLERS Welfare Association, an organisation of the footballers by the footballers and

for the footballers arranged a benefit match on 13th September last year at Calcutta's Mohun Bagan ground and out of the proceeds, Rs 30,000 was handed over to Mani Kaniyan the former Olympian, by West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu

Besides Kaniyan, who died on April 16th this year in his Bangalore home, Mahabir Prasad and K P Dhanraj also received Rs 30,000 each subsequently

On 23rd May 1985 the FWA again arranged an exhibition match and Rs 30,000 each was handed over to Bombay's Ramchandra Parab and Calcutta's Sachindra Nath Mitra. Both had been languishing in extreme poverty and according to Parab, a member of the 1948 London Olympic team, the repeated requests he made to the football bosses for help met with only false promises. Parab would, from now on, also receive Rs 100 as monthly pension from Mohun Bagan Club.

The day after the benefit match, Chief Minister Jyoti Basu handed over purses of Rs 5,000 each to Ahmed Khan, Parab and Mitra on behalf of the West Bengal government.

WITH THE withdrawal of Iran and Afghanistan the South Asian group of the Asian Club Championship - revived by the Asian Football Confederation after 16 long years - will comprise the champion club teams of Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives. India would, of course be represented by East Bengal of Calcutta.

While the preliminary matches will be held in Colombo in August this year, the final round games are likely to be held in Calcutta. As hinted by Ashok Ghosh everything seems to depend on whether East Bengal make it to the last eight. On current form of course, P K Banerjee's boys are quite capable of making it.

As some sort of incentive, East Bengal would receive a part of their expenses from the All-India Football Federation. The organising authorities have however made it clear that they would bear the cost of only 18 footballers of the club.

WITH TAMILNADU Football Association finally expressing their inability to state the 1986 Jawahar Lal Nehru Gold Cup, the AIFF may altogether drop the idea of holding the tournament next year. Ashok Ghosh said that the AIFF are thinking of holding a tournament with famous club sides of the world. The tournament to be named as Indra Gandhi Memorial Football Tournament will be held every alternate year and he hoped that it would be as popular as the Nehru Gold Cup which may not remain a every year affair from now on.

WITH A view to finish the league a bit earlier the new Indian Football Association secretary Prodyut Dutta had decided to hold some of the games at the Salt Lake stadium. Since the stadium is nor



P K Banerjee... in overall charge

mally used or only big games. Dutta's decision came in for some scathing comments from Kamal Basu who is the chairman of the Society for Sports. When Dutta pointed out that the decision was taken in consultation with the State Sports Minister Subhas Chakraborty, back came the retort: Who is the Sports Minister? As far as the stadium is concerned the SSS are all in all.

THIS YEAR, the Calcutta senior division soccer league is following a new format. The 27 teams have been divided into two groups on the basis of their performance last year, the first 15 forming the Group A and the best 12 teams are in Group B. While the battle for supremacy will be confined to the teams of Group A, only 4 teams finishing last in that group will be placed in Group B next year. Similarly top 4 teams of Group B will be promoted to Group A. All the teams

would play on a return-league basis.

Even though the Group B matches began as early as May 21, it was not before 31st May that the first of the Group A games was played between Railway Football Club and Kidderpore Sporting Club. The Big Three will however take the field only next week. On June 3, Mohun Bagan last year's champions will take on Behala Youth and the following day, it will be Mohammedan Sporting to play against Rajasthan Club. East Bengal the Federation Cup winners would play Aryans club on June 5. Mohammedan Sporting had made an appeal to the IFA for postponement of their game against Rajasthan since they were playing in the Viskha Trophy. Incidentally Rajasthan beat the Mohammedans by a goal in last year's league game.

EVEN IF a foreign coach is invited to train the Sebul-bound boys he would be given no more than a position of technical director and P K Banerjee would certainly be in overall charge. This was disclosed by Ashok Ghosh the AIFF secretary in Calcutta recently. Meanwhile PK, who is in charge of the Indian team in August has requested Arun Ghosh to be his assistant. He also wants some committed former players like Mohammed Habib and Inder Singh to supervise regional training camps to be based at 3 places in the South West and North as per PK's wishes. The AIFF have already written to Uttar Pradesh Sports director and well known physical training expert D K Tandon for his help and guidance in putting the boys in a better physical shape.

PK has also initiated a move to bring back Monoranjan Bhattacharjee, Debashish Roy, Prasanta Banerjee and Parminder Singh into the Indian team. He asserts that without the players, the Indian team would be quite weak. As Monoranjan and Debashish were suspended by WIFA following the Fracas in the Bombay Rovers Cup two years ago, PK is understood to have made an appeal both to the players and the AIFF to forget the past.

Incidentally, the organisers of the Rovers Cup who did not invite East Bengal last year is reported to have come to some sort of understanding with the club's officials during the Federation Cup in Bangalore and it would not be a surprise if the popular Calcutta side is extended an invitation this time.



INTAB TABLE TENNIS

SW Correspondent

Many a defeat turned to triumph

ASSAM'S Tridip Durarah proved to be a houndini – a great escape artist – in the eighth min Junior National Table Tennis championships for the INTAB Cup at the Don Bosco school (Egmore) recently. He appeared to be in the jaws of defeat in the Junior National boys singles final against Bengali Ganes Kundu when he was down 10-18 in the third game after losing the first two. But then the top seed corked a snook at the second seed by staging a recovery that had the packed hall rooting and roaring in ecstasy.

If Tridip was able to turn defeat into triumph, it was because of his remarkable will to win. Tridip just defied defeat. He refused to be beaten. Of course, it was his commendable physical fitness that helped him fight like a devil.

Kundu is, in fact, looked a shade superior to Tridip. But Tridip showed amazing staying power and coverage of the playing arena. One should attribute Tridip's tremendous stamina to the excellent playing facilities and training provided at Gauhati. Tridip's success is but the fruit that Assam deserves for providing facilities to play and training almost round the clock daily at the different centres.

The long sessions of training that promising Assam players had when North Korean coach Park U Gil visited Gauhati two years ago had put them on a strong footing. And Tridip, agile and acrobatic, showed that he surely would go places through his remarkable retrieving and cool headedness.

Yung Son Bhon, who had trained the Tamil Nadu squad for some weeks before the INTAB tourney, remarked at the end of the competition that Tamil Nadu players never think just serve and push.

He surely would not say that about Tridip. The poker-faced Cotton College (Gauhati) eleventh standard student used his head as much as his feet and hand. Essentially a bang-bang boy, Tridip curled his attacking flair for a while



Tridip Durarah this Assam youngster is a great escape artist

to stem the rot in the third game. He turned into a returning machine that made percentage player Kundu restless. Now Tridip's forehand topspin drive began to function like a dream. His varied serves and angled returns had Kundu bemused. As shot after shot came back to roost, Kundu became diffident. The

tide turned. And even then Kundu led 10-9 in the decider. But then Tridip turned on the heat. He struck a purple patch and reeling off four points, he forged ahead and broke away to win 12-21, 17-21, 21-19, 21-14, 21-14.

The junior girls singles final also proved to be a real thriller. Eighth



Chetan Baboor (left) and Ramesh Babu...sub-junior boys' doubles champs.

seeded Deepshika Soni (Delhi), who had toppled topseeded Hasina Jam (Gujarat) in the quarter-final round, deservingly took the title. But the tight rope walking that she had to go through before emerging a 21-14, 16-21, 21-12, 17-21, 21-19 win over Jyoti Mehta (MP) must have been nerve-wrecking for her indeed. That she won after being down 7-18 in the decider

showed what a great fighter she was. Deepshika was the slow and steady tortoise while Jyoti proved the hare that took off fast but failed to reach the winning post. Yes, Deepshika won through her consistently good performance. It was wise on her part to have slowed down the pace. Jyoti relished hot pace and when the pace decelerated, she found herself as a fish out of

water. Her sliced returns failed to land where they should have and several forehand smashes went awry. And when Deepshika, a Guru Harkrishan Public School (Delhi) eleventh standard student tightened the screws, Jyoti made a crop of errors. She panicked and saw the cup that was so near her lips being snatched away.

As in the junior boys final, an



Deepak Sharma (left) and Abhay Gupta...junior

champions.

Assamese player dashed Bengal's hopes in the sub Junior boys singles. And like Tridip, Nipjyoti Barua showed great fighting qualities too while overcoming Arup Basak. Basak had Nipjyoti baffled with his service and had him beaten often with his sledgehammer smashes. But 12 year old Nipjyoti was able to read Arup's serves as the match progressed. And shrewdly mixing flat smashes with kicking forehand winners. Nipjyoti was able to overhaul the Bengal player and emerge the winner the scores being 14 21 21 17 22 24 21 19 21 19.

Madhya Pradesh's sub junior girls more than made up for the bitter turnaround that had shattered their hopes in the junior girls final. The state that is not lagging behind Assam in providing excellent facilities and training for its players deserved the sweet double that Rinku Gupta pulled off. Rinku winner of the sub junior girls title at Calcutta two years ago regained the crown beating Manipur's Joye Remel 21 17 21 12 21 16 and then claimed the junior girls doubles title in partnership with Jyoti Mehta. The two downed Satabdi Burman and Kakoli Holay of Bengal 21 19 15 21 21 14.

Abhay Gupta and Deepak Sharma of Rajasthan took the junior boys doubles title defeating M Chipunkar and Bhiwandikar of Maharashtra 21 23 24 22 21 8.

Host state Tamil's lone success came through sub junior boys. Chetan P Baboor and Ramesh Babu who beat Arjun Dutta and Arup Basak of Bengal 24 22 19 21 21 15.

Tamil Nadu which had been in the forefront in the junior section through players like Narain Gopin



Nipjyoti Barua this Assamese youngster dashed Bengal's hopes in the sub junior boys' singles final.

ath Ranjith Rajamani and R Vineth could not do much with most of their players figuring in the event for the first time. It was surely a disappointment for Tamil Nadu that Chetan Baboor the sub junior boys number one seed crashed out in the prequarter final round. But this might have been because changed from the combination racket to the conventional bat. He found it difficult to adjust his game. One however should expect him to do well in the years to come once he gets used to the conventional racket as his strokeplay would not be curbed.

The Tamil Nadu players surely benefitted from the coaching they had from North Korean coaches. Never had one seen so many Tamil Nadu players so fit and dynamic. Perhaps they might have benefitted much more had the coaching been over a longer period.

That Deepa Lakshumanan of Tamil Nadu winner of the sub junior title at Ajmer crashed out in the quarter finals to Bengal's Kakoli Holay could not be considered a great let down. For she was figuring in the junior event for the first time. A steady player Deepa who had beaten the top seeded Hasina Jam in the classification matches should blossom into a greater player in the years to come dedicated as she is.

The tournament was organised in a grand manner and praise must especially go to Rev Fr P V Simon a fine coach and a good administrator. Big crowds attended the tourney sponsored by six firms. The over-age issue dogged this junior tourney too but the organisers did well by eradicating most of the over-age players through stringent check ups.



Chipunkar (left) and Bhiwandikar...lost to the Rajasthan duo in the junior boys' doubles.

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The Sport Has Come To Stay

By David D'Souza

WHEN Man is pushed to his limits new realms of super achievements are reached and murky horizons are dispelled. The human endurance has its limits but as we come towards 2000 AD, the joys of searching for the unknown become boundless.

Motor sport is one of man's latest ventures into that realm which make weary Man and his aspira-

tions. The grit and sweat you see as you blink the grit and sweat away, the body aching and the nerves stretched to the utmost, the constant change of gears, and the sharp reflexes to stamp on the brakes.

This is one sport that is most exacting of all and probably the hardest sport ever invented. This above statement is more appro-

prate for Moto Cross, the motorcycle cross-country speed trial sport and the one that will be more highly lighted in this special report on motor sport.

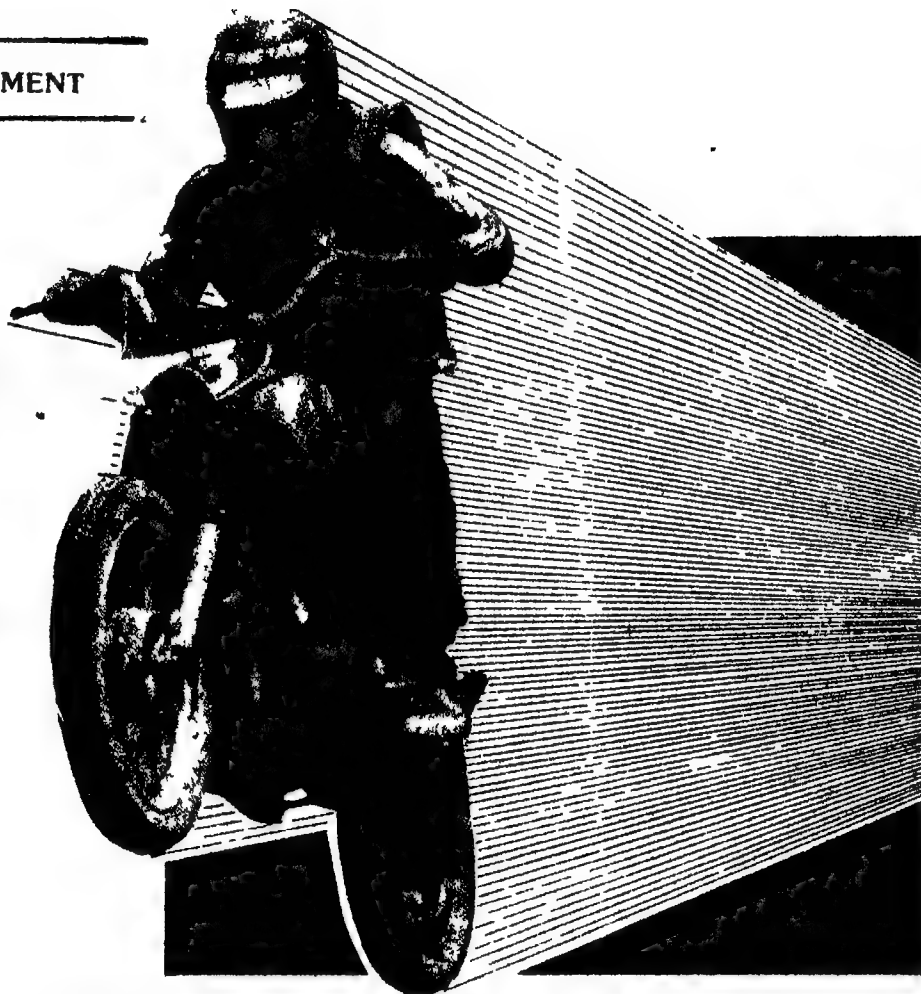
If you were sitting late in front of TV last week, Doordarshan beamed out the Monte Carlo Grand Prix where Alain Prost, the Frenchman, won on the tortuous course in the casino city.

The champion driver made motor racing such an easy sport that watching him flash on the screen was sheer ecstasy. Driving down the straight at 170mph, leaning the machine in the wind, edging past the leader with just the paintwork to spare and locking the wheels on a hair-pin bend, it was all the stuff to make the adrenalin do overtime.

Nearer home, we have the Sholavaram Madras and the extravagant Himalayan Rally in motor sport, and of course the Indian Moto Cross Grand Prix at Pune.

India, of late, has had a lot of moto cross meets and the enthusiasts have come in thousands to cheer the riders, these modern day rodders.

Bombay had its first moto cross last month where the organisers did creditably to give the top Indian riders a fair share of obstacles and although the enthusiasts did not



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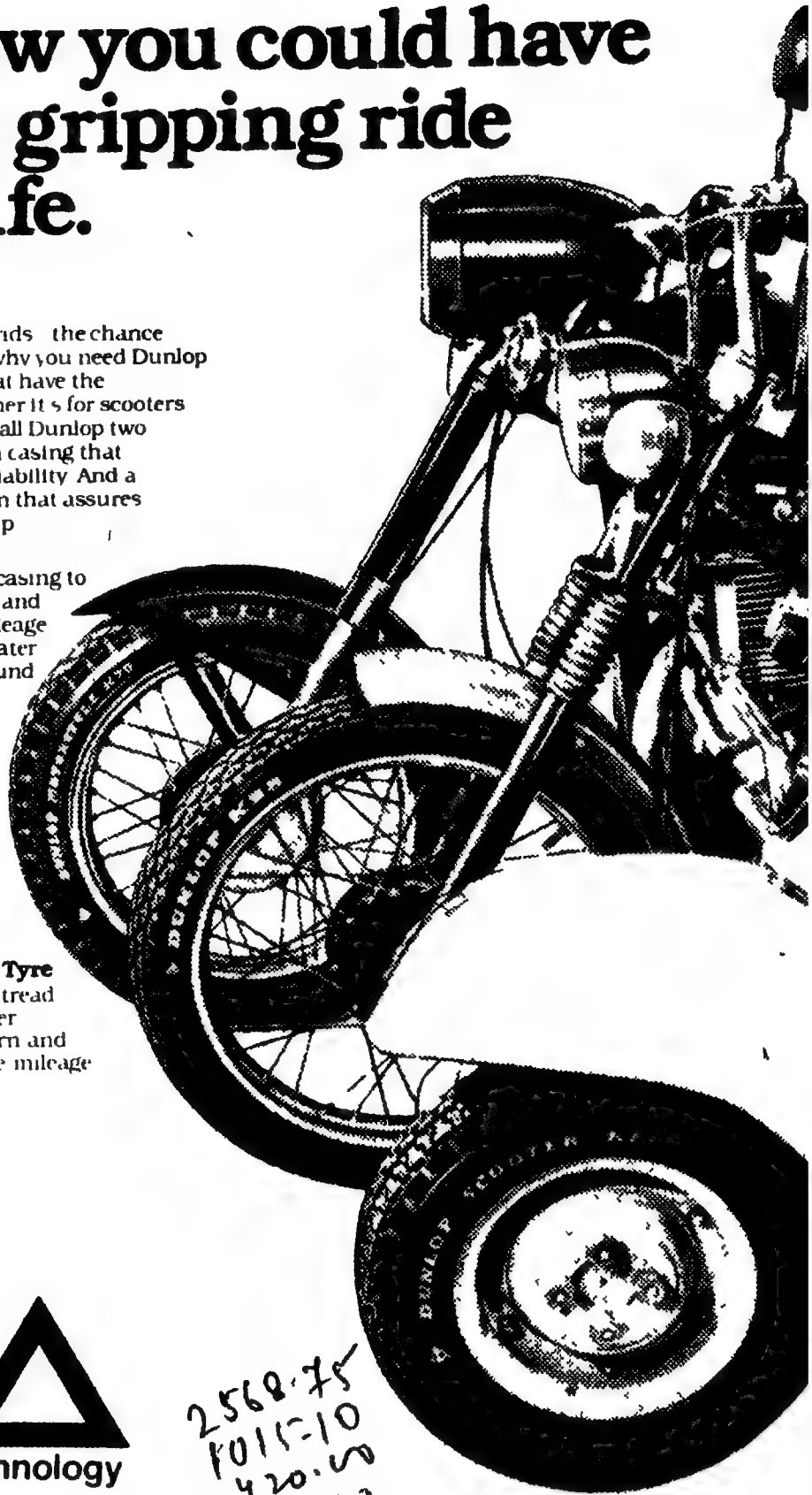
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come in droves the Brabourne stadium stands were not entirely bereft of yelling fans

A moto cross rider should be young and strong as his career usually ends by the time he is thirty. This is also one sport where human action plays as important a part than the mechanical

The physical resistance of the riders is an important aspect. It is a sport where the pulse beats anywhere between 125-175 where the body absorbs violent shocks and those who take up to moto cross are true sportsmen - or fanatics

It's not however a dangerous sport as the speed is generally reduced to take the turns. And although there are more falls than in circuit riding these are at far lower speeds. Also the earth deadens the falls

Moto cross took birth in the early spring of 1924 in England and until the second World War was only practiced there. Not till 1947 did Europe witness the first interna-

tional moto cross event in which five countries took part. From then on moto cross has become the most sought after sport event the machines becoming bigger and better and man taming the roaring machine much more stronger

Belgium's Joel Robert became the youngest moto cross world champion in 1964 when he won the 250cc title at the age of 20 years and 244 days. Between 64 and 72 he won a record fifty 250cc Grand Prix's. However in 1975 Venezuela's Alberto Johnny Ceccoto became the youngest to win a world championship. He was just 19 years when he won the 350cc event

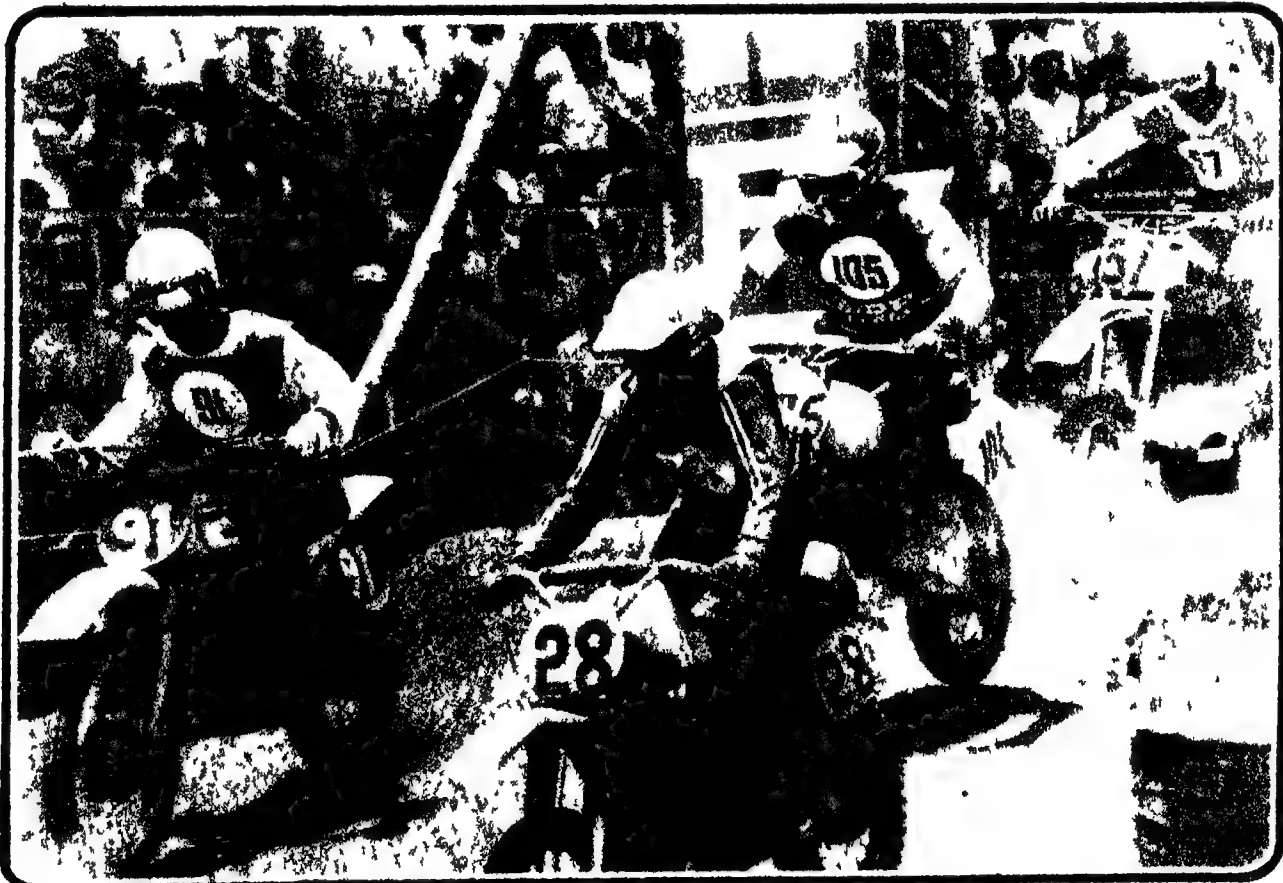
In India Sashipal Singh Garcha of Chandigarh is unanimously acclaimed as the best moto-cross rider in the country today, followed closely by Pune's Ajay Bafna

Garcha riding his modified Jawa ate the dust and the distance in a flash and won the Class D event - bikes upto 255cc - with the ease of a four time champion that he is in

the fourth Indian Grand Prix and the Seventh PARA championships in Pune in April this year. Sashipal conceded the first three laps to a Kolhapur mechanic Sampat Koli - another superb rider - in the first moto and took the lead and won that moto and the next with consummate ease

After the event the 30 plus year rider who is riding under the Pune Automotive Racing Association banner said after the event: 'My bike is not very fast. In fact the other bikes in the field were much faster than mine. However I rely much on personal endurance and a calm mental attitude. I knew that I was going to win and that determination and positive attitude kept me going. I'm going to buy a foreign bike because many of the competitors are going for it and I do not want to lag behind.'

Ajay Bafna who won the open class in the Bombay Moto cross is a strong, sturdy rider. He leans into the wind as he takes the jumps and the curves without a moment's hesitation on his water-cooled



The roar of the bikes resound and the packed gallery brace up for the thrills and spills

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A moto cross rider should be young and strong as his career normally ends around thirty.

Yamaha.

In the recently concluded Dirt Track race meet in Pune organised by Race Crafters, Ajay bagged the prestigious Open class event Riding a Honda MTX, Ajay's superior machine triumphed over the raw courage of Firdaus Chindh, winner of the Bangalore Open Class race.

The crack outfit from Race Crafters won 13 out of 18 events. This meet, held for the first time was conducted on a custom built, R-shaped bucket track and difficulties were compounded by the overnight rains and the slushy conditions. It was the sheer skill and dexterity which made the difference for the riders.

Indian Moto cross Grand Prix will be accorded full world body recognition as this event, held in Pune, has become a fixture on the Indian circuit, a fixture that has attracted some good (as well as bad) riders from across the seas.

This is one sport that is probably the hardest ever invented

The Japanese riders in the third Grand Prix and the Englishmen in the fourth, added a touch of glamour and excitement to the hordes of spectators who travelled hundreds of miles to watch the extravaganza.

It would seem hard to believe, but the sport that started for some 'stiff upper lips' in England to enjoy their Sunday afternoon, now has the world standing on the course and cheering away the riders.

Moto cross, has come a long way since then, with riders from the continent dominating the show most of the time.

A motto cross rider has to have the 'lungs of a marathon runner, the reactions of a racing driver and the brains of a chess player', and this line fits in neatly into the world of a moto cross rider.

India has taken great leaps to propagate moto cross and by the looks of things, this sport has come to stay in India. Look at the riders: Ajay Bafna, Sashipal Singh, Garcha, Sampat Koli, Deshpande brothers, and a host of other entrants that have made moto cross an event to be looked forward to.

And, fortunately, sponsors have not been lacking in coming forward to make these events grand spectacles, and this trend should continue as only then will this sport not die a premature death.

Usha's C'wealth mark bettered



ON AUGUST 8th last year when India's PT Usha finished 4th in the final of the 400m hurdles for women at the Olympics, her performance was hailed not only as a remarkable achievement for the country and for Asia but also because it set an all time Commonwealth best for the event

This was the only time since 1958 when an Indian athlete's name figured among Commonwealth records (the previous occasion being Milkha Singh's 46.6 secs for his victory in the 440 yards at the Commonwealth Games in Cardiff). But Usha's mark has not lasted long enough. Some seven months after the Olympics her effort has been bettered by Australia's current leading lady Debbie Flintoff who clocked 55.03 secs to win the event in the Australian Championships at Canberra on March 31st.

The Aussie, who had finished 6th behind Usha at Los Angeles, has had a remarkably good season to date and has been hovering in the 55.5 secs region for quite a while. It was only a question of time when she would attain record breaking status.

The occasion was aptly provided by the venue of the next World Cup Athletic in October this year and

saw her looking stronger than ever as she won both the 400 and 400m hurdles with some ease.

Her main rival in the latter was New Zealander Grimes who was just unable to match the Australian stride for stride although she recorded a New Zealand best of 57.3 secs in second place.

The Canberra meet also figured



PT Usha her 400m hurdle record did not last for long

among others some Chinese stars who should do well in the coming months, especially at the Asian Championships in Jakarta next September.

The women's 1500m was won by Ziu Juan in 4:22.22 while in the Shot Put Yueheng was a creditable second placer with 17.52 (interesting enough—as against the winning mark of 11.79 at the All India Open in Trivandrum!). Both these are new names in Asian athletics and it is quite obvious that they are to be plenty of such surprise performers from China during the year.

Of the older stars high jumper Zhu Jian Hua indicated on March 23rd that he was all set to make yet another big effort in 1985. In the National meet in Canton he cleared 2.35m and there was also a near miss world record attempt by him at 2.40m.

Other well known Asians like Malaysian Rabuan Pit and Philippines quarter miler ace Isidro Del Prado have also been in the news of late. The former won from a star studied 100m field in 10.55 on March 26th while Del Prado won the 400m in 46.1 secs in the same meeting.

It will be recalled that the latter has now to his credit the Asian all time best in the 400m of 45.57 secs recorded in Manila last December.

Xth Asian Games

South Korea's training programme

SOUTH KOREA is going all out not only to stage a magnificent and technically perfect Tenth Asian Games next year but to also produce teams that would be able to hold their own against the might of Japan, China and India.

Evidence of this has come through the performance of her male and female representatives in various meetings at the end of last year, and in recent weeks. In athletics, for instance, the probabilities for next year have already been nominated, and are being guided through their training schedules and competition by a panel of internationally renowned coaches and experts.

The results of this carefully monitored athletic coaching scheme were very obvious in the recent national championships in Seoul,

which saw plenty of new records.

Pride of place in this context went to sprinter Jan Jae Keun who set an Asian all time best in the 200 final clocking 20.73 secs. Keun, it will be recalled, was a surprise winner of the event in the last Asiad in New Delhi. A leg injury during the last Asian Championships in 1983 brought to a halt all plans for intensive preparation for the Olympics. He was terribly disappointed at being eliminated in the second round of the heats of the 200m at Los Angeles with a time of 21.14 which seemed vastly inferior to his 1982 Asiad winning mark of 20.89.

Jang Keun's latest achievement has earned him an equivalent of Rs 375,000 through the Korean Amateur Athletics Association. Apart from his effort 12 other Korean

national marks in track and field events were bettered with each record setter earning an equivalent of Rs 75,000.

In the triple jump, physical education student Park Yong Jun recorded a superb best jump of 16.24 m, while in the 400 m hurdles Chong Han Ju, from the University of Kyongnam, clocked a new national time of 52.33 secs.

The Koreans reckon they would be in running for seven golds in athletics at the next Asian Games. Their track experts forecast alongside, 16 silver and 23 bronze as compared with 3 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze at New Delhi in 1982.

It is reported that the Korean AAA envisages an expenditure of over 3 crores of rupees for the training of their elite athletes for the Seoul Games.

RANJIT BHATIA



Sashipal Singh Garcha...unrivalled

YEZDI Club's Moto Cross 85 at Bangalore was a smash hit with both the crowd and the participants.

The track ran over a distance of 1.8 km with a fair share of jumps, bumps at the Bangalore Palace.

There was one major point of controversy which created quite a stir and that was permitting the use of imported suspension in Group 'B'

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Bangalore Moto Cross '85

Garcha flies high

(181 - 260 cc) for Indian bikes. This rule caught a lot of riders flat footed and put them under a serious disadvantage. The day's card was exciting what with riders like Garcha, Rajiv A, Firdos, Chinnappa and Rajan in the fray.

Chinnappa was a major disappointment to the local crowd. He dropped out of the meet when his 'T' stern came loose in the 2nd moto of the 250 cc race, in the 1st moto he finished 2nd but only after a hard fought battle with Rajan.

The winner was Garcha - in the Open Class he won the 1st moto but he did have a scare when Firdos on a Yamaha came very close to passing him, but Firdos had to back off, when his throttle got stuck.

The 2nd moto was a reverse of the first. Firdos grabbed the hole shot with Rajiv Agarwal hot on his heels on a BSA 50 with Garcha in the bunch. Garcha made his move in the 3rd lap and challenged Rajiv,

passing him the next time round. Garcha's eyes were now set on Firdos and on the last lap the 2 riders were travelling together and in fact Garcha passed Firdos once but only for a short distance before the lead changed hands and it was Firdos who took the chequered flag.

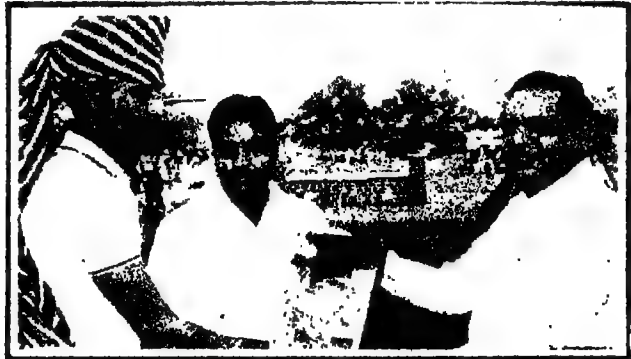
The 80 cc class event was a thriller. All eyes were on Bijoo Methews and Rajiv Agarwal, Bijoo being under a little more pressure as he was defending his title. The race was close but one could see Rajiv was the more experienced of the two and he won the event with 50 metres to spare. Bijoo had to be satisfied with 2nd.

In the mopeds upto 50 cc, Bijoo on a TVS had things going his way and took the chequered flag comfortably, his only challenge coming from Babu.

DEEPAK JOUHARI



Cathay Pacific sponsored a tennis tourney in Bangalore last week on the occasion of the Travel Agents' Association of India convention there. The singles' winner was Shankar Menon (MTDC) (with glasses) and the doubles' winners were Cathay Pacific manager Willy Boulter (right) and Arvind Kaimal



Asiad Equestrian gold medallist Dafedar Raghubir Singh receiving the 'Rashtrdoot Purshakar' from Naval Kishore Sharma, Union Minister for Petroleum in Jaipur. The awards, which honoured other leading Rajasthan sportsmen was instituted by Rajasthan newspaper 'Rashtrdoot'



Lt. Gen. R.K. Dhawan, commandant, College of Military Engineering giving away the Inter Services cricket championship trophy to Flt. Lt. A.K. Jha, captain of the victorious IAF team in Pune recently



Boran Road, the winners of the throw ball tournament, organised by the St. Peter's Youth Social Service pose with the Elfreda Almeida trophy

STAR TRACK

June 19-25, 1985

By Bejan Daruwalla



ARIES

DAYS OF WINE and roses, and that means lovely strokes, different strokes, if a cricketer, golfer, centre-forward in hockey. Exceptionally newsy week, you bet. 19, 20, 23-24 best. Focus on house and home also for all Arians. This is a good week.



TAURUS

THOSE OF YOU interested in table tennis, basketball, wrestling, shot put, do a good job of it. Focus on buying, selling, investment for all Taureans, readers and sports men that is 23-24 superb for hobbies, romance and a bit of fun, whoever you may be.



GEMINI

HOST A DINNER, give a party go in for grooming and good manners. It helps. The week favours sprinters, hockey players, lovers too as love is a big game and also big game hunters! 19-20 good food, better company, family gathering and money too.



CANCER

IF A BRIDGE fan or player, a chess buff or interested in swimming and diving, you will hone up on skills and memory as Mercury is in your sign. A time to give and receive love and gifts. 23-25 expect happy tidings, visitors, friends to drop in and make you happy.



LEO

THE TRICK is in the contacts. For those who wish to improve their drop shot or the backhand flick, the dribble and body swerve, the outswinger and the one going straight through a fine week. Well-wishers and friends will help you. Expenses will be heavy.



VIRGO

THE VIRGO sense of timing and perfection goes well with the line-kissing serve, the screw back, that is the recoil to the cue-ball, the late-cut, the shot to nothing in snooker and the powerful but elegant cross court drive in tennis. Success in work for Virgos, but health is suspect.



LIBRA

TIME TO TRY the upper-cut figure skating, the Axel jump, one and a half turns in air, the death spiral in which daring pair movement is essential, and Libra is the sign of partnership. Love blossoms in your work area. I see an expansion, opening of a new branch, a trip, a visit.



SCORPIO

THE LOOP JUMP with the full revolution in air, the yagli where the wrestlers are covered in oil or the

Japanese Sumo wrestling, were meant just for you. Journeys, ceremonies, trips, ties, are very definitely up your alley. Moments of inspiration many.



SAGITTARIUS

THE NEW MOON in your 7th angle suggests partnership games, specially tennis and yacht racing. Learn to perfect your net play, sharpen your first serve, improve upon the second one, excel in the overhead and the volley. Collaborations and ties are predicted for many Sagittarians, trips too.



CAPRICORN

IF A WEIGHTLIFTER trying the clean and jerk in which Vasili Alexeev excelled, do be careful, as there is a danger of injury. Otherwise all so pressures of work will be considerable and therefore periodic rest is essential. 19-20, 23-24 enjoy yourself.



AQUARIUS

ROMANCE AND SPORTS and hobbies and pastime make a happy foursome now. So fuse it all sweetly. Sprinters, clay pigeon shooting, skeet, sporting rifle shooting at moving targets (all sorts if you know what I mean!), is right for you. Children and creative pursuits are emphasised.



PISCES

INDOOR GAMES will have a special fascination for you, and the focus too is on house, home, renovation, decoration, alteration, installation of machinery and gadgets. Try darts, the most English of games. The darkboard materials are cork, wood, bistle. The distance seven and a half feet. And good luck to you! exclaims Ganesh.

*Follow the course
of the stars, and as
our astrologer Be-
jan Daruwalla says,
you might become
a winner!*

Million dollar Stevie wonder

By David Emery

THE KID stood hands on hips a million dollar smile on his face to match the gold riding crop tie pin at his neck

Across the weighing room less than half an hour after the Derby finish, a stone faced Lester Piggott was showered and changed anxious to be away

The two minutes 36.23 seconds it had taken 9-4 favourite Slip Anchor to pound Epsom into submission had also provided a coronation and an abdication. And both men knew it

Cauthen, the 25 year-old American from Kentucky, had confirmed himself as the finest jockey in his adoptive Britain with his first Derby victory

Piggott, riding winners two years before Cauthen was born, was heading towards retirement in his 50th year with the bitter taste of failure

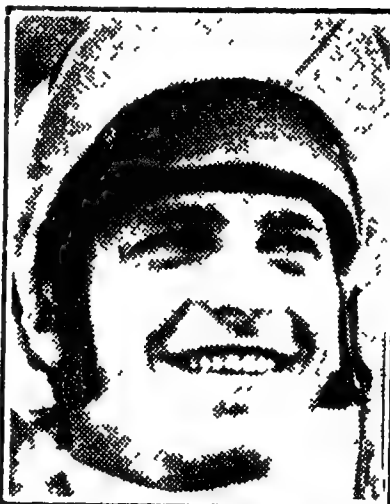
Not only had Piggott nine times the Derby winner and the consummate specialist of the course, split from Slip Anchor's Henry Cecil stable last year, he had also told Cecil that the big horse with the slight breathing problem would never be top class

How that assessment must have burned Piggott's final Derby ride. Theatrical was unable to strike even the puniest of blows as the magnificent Slip Anchor galloped away from the start, to finish an unchallenged seven lengths clear of Law Society and Damister

No horse has made all the running in the Derby since Coronach in 1926. But, in the words of another famous American, Cauthen set out to prove history bunk with the cool nerve which brought 1,000 winners before his 19th birthday

By the mid-way point of the world's most famous 1 1/2 miles, Slip Anchor had opened a commanding lead. And as his huge stride devoured Tattenham Corner the crowd gasped to see the gap had extended to an uncatchable 15 lengths

"I have never ridden a horse with



Steve Cauthen million dollar smile

such a stride, said Steve. You don't realise how fast he is going. He kills them before they have a chance to get at him.

Cauthen had allowed himself the luxury of a glance behind as he reached the straight. It was un-

believable, he said. "I'd hardly used him and he was so far in front."

"I was convinced he was the one they all had to beat, he'd been getting stronger and stronger every day for the past two weeks. But I didn't expect him to win so easily. He could be the best horse I have ever ridden."

At the rear 2,000 Guineas hero Shadeed, swirling and bucking before the start although not noticeably sweating, blew up to finish next to last of the 14 runners

Apart from providing the final Anglicization of Cauthen, Slip Anchor's success is a triumph for British bloodstock. His owner, 73 year-old Lord Howard de Walden, owns two studs as well as choice real estate in London such as Harley Street

It's been my dream to win the Derby since I was a schoolboy," he said. "Slip Anchor stays here."

British racing has been greatly enriched by Lester Piggott, last week Cauthen, his young successor, began making his contribution

Cauthen fulfils ambition

By LEON SYMONS

A MERICAN jockey Steve Cauthen won the Derby in devastating style

The 24 year old Kentucky Kid riding hot favourite Slip Anchor romped home a seven length winner

As the trotted back to the winners enclosure flanked by two mounted policemen, Steve said: "I have just fulfilled a lifelong ambition."

The likeable baby-faced American, backed by millions of housewives and office girls, confirmed their choice and became the first jockey to win the Epsom and Kentucky Derby

He hit the front early in the race and extended his lead as he came round Tattenham Corner where he was cheered down the straight by the crowd of more than 300,000

Later he admitted that once round Tattenham Corner he took a peep over his shoulder to see where the opposition was - and found them nowhere

He was asked whether he had seen anything else in the race

A smiling Steve joked: "Only when I looked around."

Lester Piggott, nine times winner of the Derby, was widely expected to announce that the 1985 Epsom showpiece would be his last

But after the race in which he trailed in a well beaten seventh aboard Theatrical, Lester said: "I'm making no decision yet."

Slip Anchor was 9-4 favourite and was followed in by Law Society at 5-1 and Damister at 16-1

This year's Derby was the 206th and Slip Anchor was the 77th favourite to win the classic



RACING

By Railbird

Bangalore Summer Classics

Crystal ball gazing

ONE WILL require more than the proverbial crystal ball to forecast the winner of the first of the Bangalore Summer classics, the 1,600 Metres Fillies Trial Stakes which will come up for consideration and comment next Sunday, for the form book indicates that the issue is wide open and the actual underfoot conditions on that day and the luck on the run will have an important bearing on the ultimate result

One thing is certain. The winner can justifiably claim to be the best three-year-old filly in the country on that day, for although the current campaign does not have as strong an all-India flavour as it had in recent years because of the denial of stable accommodation to visiting trainers, all the best from every centre of classic ability is gathered in Bangalore

Another thing is not entirely certain but, almost so, is that the winner will emanate from amongst Chaitanya Ratham (TV Sunday Urvashi), Goldie Brown (Satinello-Dusty), Invitation (Everyday-Il Be My Guest), Maudlin (Shari-Nobody Near) and Wonder Tern (Royal Tern-Never Wonder). This short list has been set out in alphabetical order as a matter of convenience

Both Goldie Brown and Chaitanya Ratham have distinguished themselves in Ooty. The former won the Fillies Trial there but was beaten by the latter in the Nilgiris Derby. In some respects, they are, or rather should be, more forward than the others

Invitation is a Calcutta based runner and one has to go back to 1971 to find a winner of this race from that centre. After winning from her first two starts at home, she was beaten by four and a quarter lengths over the trial course by Sharvan who was in receipt of 11 kilos from her. She made a most impressive winning debut of the Bangalore track when she carried 50 kilos to a convincing victory over Jehan Numa in Class Three. She finished full of running and should have benefitted from that experience on this difficult

track

A winner of two races from four starts during the Bangalore winter Maudlin showed much improvement when adding the 1,200 Metres Parlakimedi Cup to her titles in which she carried top weight of 59 kilos in a field of three-year-olds in Class Four. She came in several horses wide and scored impressively with a late run.

Royal Tern, the sire of Wonder Tern, started his classic victories in Bangalore when he claimed both the Colts Trial and the Derby in 1978. After being beaten in her first two starts in Bombay, Wonder Tern scored twice. She has run once during the present season when she was one of three year-olds for the rich 1,400 metres Tippu Sultan Cup. She was well and truly beaten by Allah Rakhkha whom she was giving one kilo but she was well clear of the highly respected Manitou, who was placed three kilos below her and who ran well below expectations.

There is not the slightest doubt that all the fillies mentioned will see out the 1,600 metres trip. Of those who have run in Bangalore so far, Invitation is the best performed and it is she who is expected to win this race for a Calcutta connection after a long period of time by scoring from Goldie Brown.

The handicapper has a difficult job and his allotments are often the subjects of controversy. Heated arguments have arisen over his weights for the 1,200 metres Karnataka Police Cup in which Fun Of The Fayre, who was placed on 59 kilos, was easily beaten by Turkish Light, who was on 54 kilos. In the winter these two had clashed twice. Over 1,400 metres, Fun Of The Fayre (49) beat Turkish Light (62) by one length and over 1,200 metres Fun Of The Fayre (50 5) finished second, one and a quarter lengths ahead of third-placed Turkish Light (55 5). Fun Of The Fayre then carried 60 5 kilos to a six lengths win over a 1,200 metres race in which Turkish Light did not participate. That was in Bangalore. Both ran in the 1,200 metres

Sprinters Cup in Calcutta thereafter when both Fun Of The Fayre (52 5) and Turkish Light (55 5) were nowhere.

Now, it is contended principally by R.R. Byramji who shelters Fun Of The Fayre, that the placing of his colt five kilos above Turkish Light was a grievous error by the handicapper and he has made no bones about it. The facts support him but why did he delay his outburst until after the race was over?

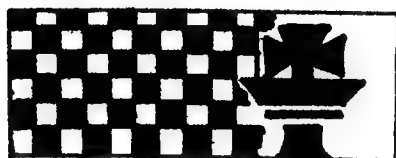
Close watchers at the paddock in Bangalore before the horses go out for a race will witness an unusual scene. A certain trainer will look around furtively, evidently to ensure that nobody is within earshot, and then issue brief instructions to his rider. If the observer is a lip reader he will notice that the instructions are limited to just three words, Of The Board.

This routine was upset by an official when he walked up to the jockey and made it clear to him that he was under close scrutiny and that if his riding was suspect, it would cost him his licence. Despite this the trainer issued the same instructions. The jockey demurred and said that he would go sick so that he would have to be replaced. The trainer relented and the horse finished second. Perhaps, if the Queen In Alice in Wonderland was witness to these scenes, she would command, "Off With Their Heads."

Interesting though this factual story is, what is important about it is that there are several non-triers in most races in Bangalore and as this has been observed by many professionals it is remarkable how these performances pass muster. Stricter supervision is the need of the hour.

Calluna has improved beyond recognition. This she proved when trouncing the opposition in Kunigal Stud Cup. She will win again as will Stormbird, Pheobe's Fire and Imperialist, the last two of whom are in line for a hat-trick. The horses who should be persisted with are Solar Glow, Chaitra and Shubashini.

CHESS



By R.B. Sapre

SHANGHAI once again won the 6th Invitation Asian Cities Chess Championship held in Hong Kong, sponsored by the Hong Kong Bank.

In a 4-board 9-round Swiss Shanghai scored 30½ out of 36, 3½ points ahead of the field of 26 teams. Among the first 5 were Tai Yuan 27; Jakarta 25½; Metro Manila 20½; Madras 20. Another Indian team from Hyderabad finished in a tie for 9-12 places with 18 points.

ARDIANSYAH
(Jakarta)

RAVIKUMAR
(Madras)

1.d4, Nf6 2.c4, g6 3.Nc3, d5 4.Nf3, Bg7 5.Bg5, c6 6.e3, 00 7.Rc1, a6 8.Bd3, dxc4, 9.Bxc4, Nbd7 10.00, b5 11.Be2, c5 12.Bxf6, Bxf6 13.dxc5, Nxc5 14.Nd5, Ne4 15.Nxf6ch, exf6! 16.Nd4, f5 17.Bf3?, Bb7 18.Bxe4?, Bxe4 19.Qd2, Bb7! 20. Rc5, Qd6 21.Rfc1, Rad8 22.Qa8, Rd7! 23.g3??, Qe7 24.Qc3, Re8 25.Qd3, h5! 26.b4, h4 27.Re1, hxg3,

28.hxg3, f4! 29.Kf1, fxg3 30.fxg3, Qf6ch 31. Ke2, Rxd4; 0-1.

Grunfeld Defence

5...c6) Most frequent is 5...Ne4 after which 'Kurs Dyebutov' and MCO give 6.cxd5, Nxc5 7.Nxc5, e6 8.Qd2, exd5 9.Qe3ch, Kf8 10.Qf4, Bf6 with equality.

An alternative for White in the above is seen in Karpov-Korchnoy and Seirawan-Vaganyan, London 1984 with 8.Nf3 (instead of Qd2) exd5 9.e3, 00 10.b4, Be6 (played by Korchnoy) or 10...Nc6 (played by Vaganyan). Both the games were won by White.

White has also the choice of 5...Ne4 6.Bh4, Nxc3 7.bxc3, dxc4 8.e3, b5 9.a4, c6 10.Be2, a6 11.00, 00 12.Qc2, Nd7 Lekhtinsky-Smejkal, Czechoslovakia, 1984, which ended in a draw.

14 Nd5) 14.Qd5, Qxd5 15.Nxd5, Ne4 16.Nxf6ch, N or exf6 17.Nd4 should give White the better end game

17 Bf3?) Even now logical is 17.Qc2 intending 18.Qc7

18.Bxe4?) Exposing himself to threats by Black's Queen and Bishop combining for mate on g2.

22...Rd7!) preventing Qc7

23.g3??) A horrible move further weakening his King position Per-

haps he should have opted 23.Rc7, Qd5 24.Nf3, Rfd8 25.Rxd7, Rxd7 26.h3.

25.Qd3?) Self-pinning his Knight. Better 25.Re1.

28...f4!) If 29.gxf4, Qh4 30, e4, Qxf4 31.f3, Red8 wins.

ROGERS-KLARIC

Played in the 11-player category 7 International Tournament at Naore (Italy), jointly won by Rogers (Australia) and Arlandi (Italy) with 7 points out of 10. They made their GM norms.

1.d4, d5 2.c4, c6 3.Nf3, Nf6 4.Nc3 (Slav Defence, Alekhine's Variation), dxc4 5.e4, b5 6.e5, Nd5 7.a4, f5? (The book variation is 7...e6 8.axb5, Nxc3 9.bxc3, cxb5 10.Ng5, Bb7) 8.axb5, Nxc3 9.bxc3, cxb5 10.Ng5, e6 11.g4!, a6 12.Bg2, Ra7 13.gxf5, exf5 14.d5, Re7 15.f4, g6 16.d6, Rg7 17.Qd5, Qd7 18.Qa8, Qa7 19.Bc6ch!, Kd8 20.Qxa7, Rxa7 21.Bxb5, h6 22.Be3, Rb7 23.Bb6ch!, Rxb6 24.Nf7 mate.

END GAME

Last week's ending by Nadar-eishvili (1975): White: Ka1; Rs-b8, f5; Ps-c5, h7. Black: Ka3; Qg3; Bc7. Win. 1.h8Q, Qg1ch 2.Rf1!, Be5ch! 3.Qxe5, Qd4ch! 4.Rb2!!; (4.Qxd4? stalemate) Qxe5 5.Rf3ch, ka4 6.c6, Qe1ch 7.Ka2, Qe6ch 8.Rfb3 wins.

BRIDGE



By Jimmy Mehta

A J 10 8 7 6			
A K 9			
8 7			
K 8			
N			
Q 4 3 2			9
10 3	W	E	Q 8 6 5 2
A k 4			Q 7 6
J 5 4 3		S	Q 7 6
K 6			
J 7 4			
10 5 3 2			
A 10 9 2			

IN THE Indo-Pak BFAME finals at Karachi Rajesh Dalal and Jaggi Shivdasani were in "3NT" with the N/S cards.

Sitting South, Jaggi got a low Club lead which he won with dummy's king, happy to have escaped a diamond opening lead. At trick two he spun the spade knave around, hoping that if it lost

West would fail to find the diamond shift. Alas, the spade knave lost and the dreaded shift was found and the contract was just another one of those that slipped away.

After the deal, Jaggi consoled himself: "Nothing makes" he prattled gleefully "Even '4S' can't make..."

Jaggy's assessment did not take into reckoning the brilliance of the other room. Masood, sitting North, was in the more normal contract of "4S". The diamond queen was led & overtaken by West who cashed a second diamond and returned a heart taken by declarer's ace. Most declarers would now have set about trumps and gone down regardless of how they tackled the suit...

Watch Masood's foresight! Having decided to play West for the SQ, he cashed two Clubs and ruffed a diamond in hand with the eight spot. Next came the spade knave to dummy's king on which the appearance of East's nine was fitting recompence for superb anticipation. The spade 6 was run underplaying the carefully preserved 5 and a club was ruffed to reach this position:

A 10			
K 4			
nil			
nil			
Q 4	N		nil
3			Q 8
nil	W	E	J 9
J		S	nil
nil			
J 5			
10			
10			

The heart king was cashed and a heart given away and it mattered little who won the heart queen. Dummy's trumps were good for two tricks at the finish.

Give the nine of trumps in either the North hand or the south one and some experts might wily nilly have found the trump coup but it took Masood to visualise and cater for that blank nine with East.

Playing all the time with the spectacular Zia Mahmood, it is not often that Masood catches the lime-light but his card play technique is perfection to wit our hand this week.

The Pakistani team has of late been coached by Billy Eisenberg, five times world champion. This coaching had transformed the team. Would India not care to follow the example?

PEN FRIENDS CORNER

M/s. Nirupama Dogra - 23
37, Dhanraj Mahal
Apollo Bunder
Near Regal Cinema
Colaba
Bombay-400039
Pop Music, philosophy outdoor
sports, fashions, yoga

Pardeep Kumar - 23
747/13, New Santokhpura
Behind Petrol Pump
Jalandhar-144004
Athletics, football, movies

Hanuman Bishnoi - 21
Asakera,
Dabwali,
Sirsa (Haryana)-125103
Reading, movies, driving

M.A. Majaz - 20
H No 16/9/822
Old Halakpet
R C Road
Hyderabad-500036
Cricket, movies

Manoj Jayanthilal Shah - 19
Geeta Building,
Block No 37 Bldg No 3
Bhulabhai Desai Rd,
Bombay-400026
Philately, sports, reading

D Bhatia - 24
L/6-M/152
Aliganj House Scheme
Lucknow-226020
Photography music, sports

S R Kanadia
Shanti Bhuvan
Near Vyas Clinic
Kala Nalu
Bhavnagar-364002
Philately, cricket, chess

Rajeev Gulati - 20
Hostel-College of Agriculture
Engineering
Jabalpur
Music, sports, reading

Ghazali Sami - 15
C/o Dr S U Ahmad
Hyderabad-500020
Philately, cricket, movies

Bhushan Kumari 'Puppi' - 22
H No B/8/279

Rampura Phul-151103
Numismatics music

Basavaraj Munavalt - 21
29 Kamleshwar Niwas
Sainagar,
Hubli (Karnataka)
Cricket, arts, stamps

D Venkat - 21
C/o Sundar Ram Reddy Qtrs
Vidyanagar,
Nellore-524413
Reading, cricket, movies

Sanjay Sachdeva - 17
N/162, Rajaji Puram
Talkatora Road,
Lucknow-226017
Cricket

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- 4 What is the contest area in Sumo wrestling?
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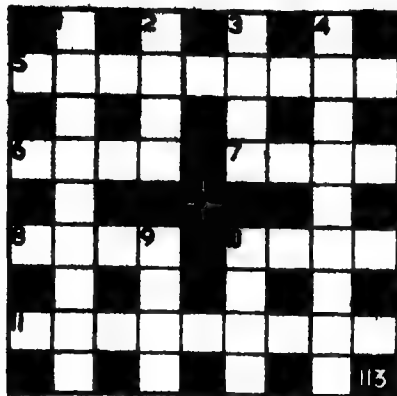
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- bay win the Ranji Trophy consecutively for 15 years?
- 8 For which county did Sir Jack Hobbs play for?
- 9 When and where did England score 903 in a Test match against Australia?
- 10 What is the highest score by a

- woman in first class cricket?
- 11 With what sport is the name of Stirling Moss connected?

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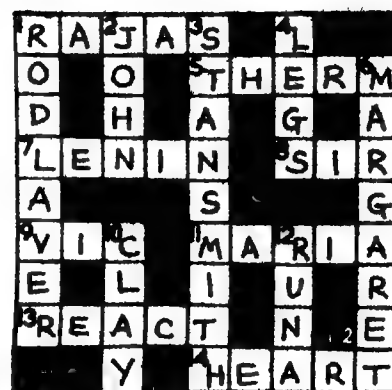
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5 Ranked by 'Tennis' magazine among the Top Twenty of 1965-85, this Aussie was charged to find Rod Laver beat

- him 7-5, 22-20, 9-11, 1-6, 6-3 in the 1969 Australian Open semifinals (4-5)
 6 Duck Borg lob? (4)
 7 Ball-red is what you'd expect the woman cricketer's to be at a party (4)
 8 What Asif Iqbal wanted on Sarfraz Nawaz, since that quickie was always giving him a mouthful (1-3)
 10 Prasanna's finger spin certainly kept Solkar on his (4)
 11 The footballer is when he heads 'home' (2-3-4)

DOWN

- 1 The one whom Chris Evert beat 6-3, 4-6, 8-6 in the 1976 Wimbledon final (9)
 2 Buy a rising cricketer (4)
 3 Leg lifted around ball for spinner (4)



- 4 Ian, Greg and Trevor (9)
 9 The new-ball operator who beat Abdul Ismail to a place in our team that toured England in 1967 (4)
 10 The 'in' thing in football? (4)

Q. What is the Test record of Rodney Marsh and Jim Laker?

—Ricky Dweltz, Byculla, Bombay.

A Marsh has played 96 Tests, 150 innings, 13 times not out, 3633 runs, 132 as highest, 3 centuries, at an average of 26.51. He has held 343 catches and effected 12 stumpings.

Jim Laker has played 46 Tests, bowled 12027 balls, gave away 4101 runs, and taken 193 wickets, at an average of 21.24. He has taken 5 wkts in an innings 9 times, and 10 wkts in a match 3 times.

Q. What are the Test records M Holding and Wasim Bari?

A M Holding has played 55 Tests, 71 innings, 10 times not out, 786 runs, 69 as highest, at an average of 12.88. He has also taken 233 wickets at an average of 23.22. His best figures are 8-92.

Wasim Bari has played 81 Tests, 112 innings, 26 Times not out, 1366 runs, 85 as highest, at an average of 15.88. he has held 201 catches, and done 27 stumpings.

Q. Which batsman has the second highest score in a Test innings after Sir Gary Sobers?

—Sanjay Awari, Anushaktinagar, Bombay.

A. 364 by Len Hutton of England against Australia at the Oval in 1938 is the second highest individual score in a Test innings.

Q. Who scored the first century in Tests and in which Test?

—Pitam Sengupta, Calcutta.

A. Charles Bannerman of Australia scored the first century in Test cricket. He scored it in the first-ever Test match in the history of Test

QUESTION BOX

cricket It was against England in 1877

Q. Where did Wally Hammond play his last Test match and what was his performance in that match?

—Sameer Ramani, Madras.

A Wally Hammond played his last Test match at christchurch against New Zealand in 1947. He scored 79 in the 1st innings and 1 in the 2nd. He also held one catch in that match.

Q. What is G.R. Viswanath's highest score in Tests and against whom did he score it?

—Dakshesh Desai, Ahmedabad.

A G.R. Viswanath's highest score is 222. He scored it against England at Madras in 1981-82.

Q. Greg Chappell has played 87 Tests. What is his break-up of runs and Tests against each country?

—Naresh Chabra, Alibag.

A Against England, G Chappell has played 35 Tests and scored 2619 runs at an average of 45.94.

Against Pakistan 17 Tests, 1581 runs, at an average of 63.24.

Against West Indies 17 Tests, 1400 runs at an average of 56.00.

Against New Zealand 14 Tests, 1076 runs, at an average of 56.63.

Against India 3 Tests, 368 runs, at an average of 73.60.

Against Sri Lanka 1 Test, 66 runs, at an average of 66.00.

In all he has scored 7110 runs at an average of 53.45.

Q. What is the birth date of Haroon Rashid of Pakistan and where was he born?

—Ismail Baig, Hyderabad.

Haroon Rashid's date of birth is 25-3-1953. He was born at Karachi.

Q. What is India's highest score in Test cricket?

—Pramila Purohit, Dadar, Bombay.

A. India's highest score in Test cricket is 644 for 7 declared against West Indies at Kanpur in 1978-79.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



The soccer insanity at Brussels

THE month of May saw soccer violence in as many as three different parts of the globe. Two of these incidents involved the pre-world Cup matches - Iraq versus Qatar in Calcutta and China versus Hong Kong in Beijing. The third incident was the recent one in Brussels just before the European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus which left 41 people dead and over 250 injured.

All three incidents saw fans of opposing teams using stones, bottles, sticks and even chairs as weapons for their heinous, barbaric acts. Such spectator outbursts is a culmination of unstinted exaggeration by the media. The press therefore has been responsible to a great extent in motivating this kind of behaviour on the field.

If something is not done immediately to put an end to such senseless violence, how can the major nations of the world expect to form a united front on economic, social and military matters?

**-Shilbhadra Datta,
Calcutta-29.**

THE news that 41 fans were killed and more than 250 people injured during the European Cup final at Brussels has come as a shock to all sports loving people.

While it is true that soccer violence has come to stay, what is depressing is that it has reached



alarming proportions. The recent incidents in India, China and Belgium is a clear indication of the havoc and damage that this mindless loyalty to clubs and nations can cause.

It is time the FIFA did something about this trend which is ruining the game and threatening its very existence.

**-Mahendra Jhabak,
Madras-112.**

IT was shocking and sad to read of the great soccer tragedy at Brussels in which about 40 people were killed and more than 250 injured.

Agreed that football is the biggest and most popular game in the world, but one can enjoy it without indulging in any kind of violence. The essence of sport is to promote goodwill and improve relations between nations or people not lead them to violence.

**-Abubakar Ali,
Bombay-3.**

THE recent soccer tragedy in Brussels where so many innocent people were killed and injured in the insane violence resorted to by a section of the crowd is indeed sad and deplorable. It shows the extent to which sport, and football in particular, has degenerated.

The Brussels incident should awaken authorities all over the

world and stern action should be taken to eradicate such gross misbehaviour by spectators.

The first step that needs to be taken is to ban all sale of alcohol at sports venues and even disallow drunk people from entering the stadium. Stronger security arrangement should also be made for all sporting events.

**-Anil Chitre,
Bombay-57.**

DLTA-sloppy management

WE would like to bring to your attention the sloppy management and maintenance of the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association courts next to Deer Park.

The hard courts are in a horrid condition, a nightmare to any serious player of the game. These courts are provided for the junior members who are charged Rs. 50 per month for playing, on an average, 12 hours a month. The hike in fees has been recent but without any improvement in facilities.

The abysmal situation does not end here but extends even to student members who pay Rs. 40 per month and have to fight for playing time. The student members are supposed to play on the grass courts but on some pretext or another never get to play on grass. Furthermore, the authorities think that two courts are sufficient for more than 60 student members -and there are more joining every month! There are no ball boys or linesmen.

Recently, at the National Tennis tournament, a newspaper commented that the DLTA trainees do not fare well even though the players practice on grass courts. If only the truth was known!

**-Vikram Sinha,
Ajit Barthakur, Amit Khanna,
New Delhi.**

Sack IHF committee

THE gross mismanagement of the IHF has brought Indian hockey to a sorry plight and placed the careers of some of our best players in jeopardy. This is not only detrimental to the sport in the country, but the IHF's lethargy has also stained the image of our country that has always believed in fair play.

The entire committee should be sacked and a new board, consisting of former players instituted. Only then will the game grow unimpeded in the country.

**-Santosh Agarwal,
Bangalore-11.**

Mama's tally correct

READER K.S. Shurpali (Sportsweek, June 5-11) has obviously got his facts and figures wrong India's two one-day Internationals at Sharjah in the Asia Cup against Sri Lanka and Pakistan were played in the 1983-84 season, and NOT in the 1984-85 season.

An overseas cricket season in all countries except England extends from August/September of a particular year to April/May of the following year. Hence, India's two matches played in Sharjah on April 8, 1984, and April 13, 1984, against Sri Lanka and Pakistan respectively are to be included in the 1983-84 season, and NOT in the 1984-85 season.

Permit me to set straight again the authentic and correct facts, just in case any Sportsweek reader remains in a state of confusion after reading K.S. Shurpali's letter. In my article on page 28 of Sportsweek issue dated May 15-21, I stated the facts and figures correctly, viz. India played NINETEEN One-Day Internationals during the 1984-85 season, and NOT twenty-one as erroneously stated by an ill-informed letter-writer.

— B.B. Mama



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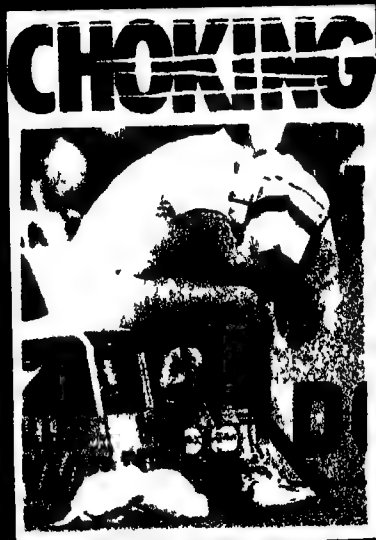


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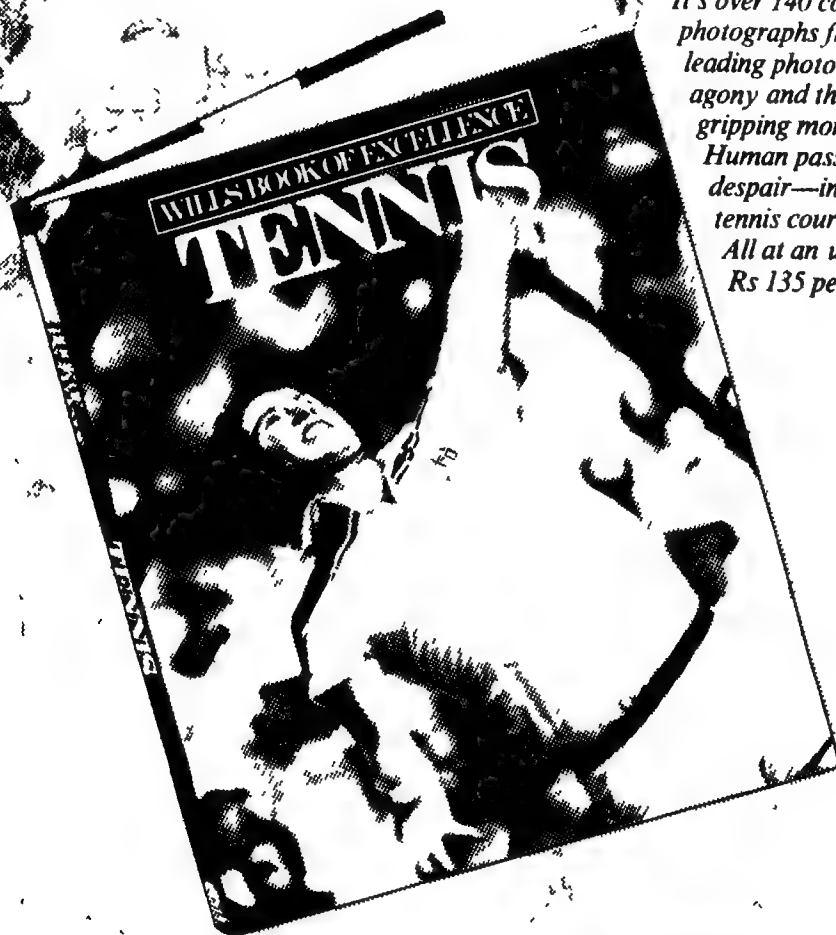
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INDEED THE double standard is the problem I have with the Australian Cricket Board. From the sidelines it may have appeared that controversy and I went together like a meatpie and sauce, writes Dennis Lillee in his book 'Over and Out!'. The concluding extract from this bestseller.

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Impressive win for England

By Pat Gibson



ENGLAND began their quest for the Ashes with an impressive win in the first Test at Headingley, though Australia fought hard on the last day defending a total of only 122. The fifth day in fact had dramatic overtones and England had to draw on their batting reserves to win half an hour before close.

Australia who were 190 for five at close on the fourth day and in imminent danger of being bowled out cheaply without setting England an adequate target to chase were revived by a fine 80 runs partnership for the seventh wicket between wicketkeeper Wayne Phillips and all rounder Simon O'Donnell.

Phillips hit 12 fours in a controlled knock and seemed well in sight of his third Test hundred when he lobbed an easy catch to Lamb at midwicket off Botham. He made 91. Botham finished with four wickets to add to his three in the first and dispelled all doubts about his form and fitness. John Emburey mopped up the tail to finish with five wickets in the innings, the first time he has done so in his Test career.

The target was just 123 but the English batsmen, in sight of their first home victory in seven Tests, were unnecessarily jittery and nervous and lost first innings century maker Tim Robinson, Gooch, Gower and Gatting by the time the score had reached 83. Botham too fell, but at 112, by which time England were assured of victory. Nevertheless, Willey was dropped by Border in the slips off Thomson and the winning run from Allan Lamb's bat was also a skied catch which Lawson was prevented from holding by the spectators who swarmed onto the field.

First day

SOLICITOR Andrew Hilditch opened Australia's defence of The Ashes at Headingley with a damning indictment of the England

bowling.

Hilditch, 29, Australian vice-captain, hit his first century of the tour to lead them to an eminently satisfactory 284 for six in the first Cornhill Test.

And the fact that he scored 72 of his 119 runs in boundaries, two 6s and fifteen 4s was an eloquent comment on the short comings of England's attack.

It was just what Australia needed to calm their nerves on a pitch that always gives them nightmares, although that did not stop captain Ian Border from batting after winning the toss.

His decision was probably based more on the fact that it would give their No 1 fast bowler, Geoff Lawson, another day to recover from his debilitating viral infection than any great confidence in the conditions.

And though Wood was soon leg before, to Paul Allott, the best of the England bowlers in the morning session, Hilditch was given so many titbits that he was able to help himself to 50 off only 77 balls.

It was a typical Headingley pitch, offering generous help to seam and swing, on which a master of his craft, like John Lever, or even an



Aussie vice-captain Andy Hilditch hits Ian Botham for a six on the way to a hundred in the first innings.

accurate medium-pacer, such as Derek Pringle or Arnie Sidebottom would have made the Aussies graft.

Yet they had reached 155 by the time England made another breakthrough, and then it was off-spinner John Emburey who had Wessels superbly caught by Ian Botham at slip.

Graham Gooch, pressed into service as a seamer by the decision to leave out Neil Foster, and include Peter Willey to bat at No. 7, showed the supposed specialists how it was done.

First he had Hilditch, pushing forward outside of stump, caught behind after batting for more than four hours, and then David Boon was leg before playing a horrible looking cut.

Cowans finally got it right to claim the most precious wicket of all, that of Border.

But just when England looked like finishing the first day with some sort of respectability, the fluent Wayne Phillips and Greg Ritchie put on 55 in only 11 overs before Emburey was belatedly recalled and promptly had Phillips caught at silly point, by Gower of all people!

Second day

EVEN GEOFF BOYCOTT'S most ardent admirers had to admit that England seemed to have found a worthy successor to the great man at Headingley.

Tim Robinson, the 26-year-old Notts opener, making his home debut in Boycott's own back yard, could not have been under much greater pressure.

But he did not show it as he stroked 66 of England's 134 for two before the fourth stoppage for rain and bad light ended a gloomy second day in the First Cornhill Test.

It was just as well. For England, who had needed a belated flash of the old Ian Botham magic to restrict Australia to 331 all out, were soon in more trouble with the bat.

Graham Gooch, having celebrated his much-heralded return to Test cricket with an imperious extra cover boundary off Geoff Lawson's second ball, was out in Craig McDermott's second over-leg before, playing across the line.

Then captain David Gower,

whose return to form is said to have done so much for England's morale, was undone by the impressive McDermott's movement off the seam and was caught behind for 17.

By then Robinson himself had already been dropped, Greg Ritchie at third slip adding to Australia's calamitous catalogue of missed chances by putting him down off McDermott.

So Robinson, looking as calm and assured as if he had been opening for England for years rather than in just five tests on the Indian tour was able to reach 52 out of 105 off only 58 balls with eight 4s.

And when Mike Gatting went in determined to establish himself in the number four position, runs continued to flow at such a rate - 84 off 15 overs - that the batsmen were booed for twice accepting the umpires' offer to leave the field for bad light.

The longest delay - two hours for rain - had come much earlier in the day just when Ritchie and McDermott were threatening to extend Australia's overnight 284 for six towards match-winning proportions.



Ian Botham takes a spectacular catch to dismiss Kepler Wessels off John Emburey for 36 runs. Pics: AP

AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND...

But when they had added 42 Botham somehow persuaded Ritchie to bottomedge an attempt hook into his stumps, had O'Donnell leg before to his first ball in Test cricket and then, having narrowly missed bowling Lawson to complete a hat-trick, made it three wickets in four balls by bowling McDermott with the first ball of his next over.

With Paul Allott getting Lawson caught behind in the over in between, Australia had lost their last four wickets for five runs in 10 balls.

Third day

ROBINSON continued on the third day from where he had left off the previous evening to play an innings of truly epic proportions. With all the major England batsmen making useful contributions the Australian bowlers had to toil all day on a wicket which belied the pre-Test expectations of assisting seamers. Australia sorely missed a spinner.

Robinson, playing in his first home Test showed the technique and the temperament which made him such a success in India. He cracked 27 boundaries in his 410 minute stay and was responsible for holding the innings together.



Tim Robinson...playing in his first home Test, he showed the technique and temperament that made him a success in India

Garling made 53 in a 156-run stand for the third wicket with Ro-

binson and Lamb 38 from 78 for the fourth. Lamb's dismissal however brought in Botham who has been in irresistible form this season. Returning to the ground where he had magically transformed the Ashes series four years ago, Botham hammered his way to 60 in under an hour hitting 12 fours and two sixes before he played on to Jeff Thomson.

Peter Willey, who replaced Botham, was also amongst the runs and only a late three-wicket burst by Geoff Lawson prevented a total run riot.

SCORE-BOARD

AUSTRALIA-1st Innings

G M Wood lbw b Allott	14
A M J Hilditch c Downton b Gooch	119
K C Wessels c Botham b Emburey	36
A R Border c Botham b Cowans	32
D C Boon lbw b Gooch	14
G M Ritchie b Botham	46
W M Phillips c Gower b Emburey	30
C J McDermott b Botham	18
S J O'Donnell lbw b Botham	0
G F Lawson c Downton b Allott	0
J R Thomson (not out)	4
Extras	18

Total 331
Fall of wickets 1 23 2 155 3 201 4 229
5 229 6 284 7 326 8 326 9 327

BOWLING

Cowans 20 4 78 1	Allott 20 3 74 2	Botham 17 4 57 0	Emburey 6 1 23 2
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ENGLAND-1st Innings

G A Gooch lbw b McDermott	5
R T Robinson c Boon b Lawson	175
D I Gower c Phillips b McDermott	17
M W Gatting c Hilditch b McDermott	53
A J Lamb b O'Donnell	38
C T Botham b Thomson	60
P Willey c Hilditch b Lawson	36
Ph Downton c Botham b M (Xen)	54
J E Emburey b Lawson	21
P J W Allott c Boon b Thomson	12
Extras	9

Total 417
Fall of wickets 1 14 2 50 3 186 4 264 5 344
6 417

7 422 8 462 9 484

BOWLING

Lawson 26 4 117 3	McDermott 34 2 114 4	Thomson 34 3 166 2	O'Donnell 27 3 77 1	Border 13 0 16 0	Wessels 3 2 0
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AUSTRALIA (2nd Innings)

A M J Hilditch c Robinson b Emburey 80	C M Wood c Lamb b Botham 1	K C Wessels c Emburey 64	A R Border c Downton b Botham 8	D C Boon b Cowans 22	C M Ritchie b Emburey 1	W M Phillips c Lamb b Botham 91	P O Durnell c Downton b Botham 24	G F Lawson c Downton b Embury 1	C J McDermott (caught) Emburey 8	J R Thomson not out 2
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Extras 8
Total 324

Fall of wickets 1 5 2 11 3 151 4 159 5 160
6 142 7 272 8 307 9 318

BOWLING	Botham 33 7 107 4	Allott 17 4 57 0	Emburey 44 4 148 5	Cowans 13 2 50 1	Thomson 1 9 3 1
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ENGLAND (2nd Innings)

G A Gooch lbw b O'Donnell 28	R T Robinson b Lawson 21	D I Gower c Border b O'Donnell 5	M W Gatting c Phillips b Lawson 12	A J Lamb not out 1	C T Botham b O'Donnell 12	P Willey not out 1	Extras 11
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TOTAL 143
FALL OF WICKETS 1 44 2 59 3 71 4 83
5 110

BOWLING

McDermott 40 20 0	Lawson 16 4 51 2	O'Donnell 13 4 53 3	Thomson 30 8 0
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Man of the Match Tim Robinson
(Match won by England)

Fourth day

ON the fourth day, after England had extended their innings by another hour to add 47 runs and increase the lead to 202, Ian Botham and John Emburey bowled England into a commanding position, reducing Australia to 190 for five, before rain curtailed play.

A fine second wicket partnership of 139 by Andrew Hilditch and Kepler Wessels, after Botham had removed Wood for three, gave Australia hope of salvaging a draw. But Emburey struck thrice in 39 balls and Botham took the crucial wicket of skipper Allan Border and Australia were struggling again, losing four wickets for the addition of just 16 runs.

WEEK ONE: THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION

COLIN COWDREY was born in Southern India of English parents

He would have been headlined as a hero if he had still been playing last summer and had taken centur-



ies off the West Indies in three successive Tests

That would have been right and proper. For the opposition were in the view of many experts, the best

side the game has ever produced

The same would have applied if Ted Dexter had been born 20 years later than he was, enabling him to walk out at Lord's last June to pro-

I'm criticised after scoring centuries

duce an innings of 110 against Clive Lloyd's all-conquering team and to follow it with an innings of 100 at Headingley, plus an unbeaten 100 at Old Trafford

That would have been no more than he deserved either. Ted was born in Milan, of English parents

I actually managed to do all that last summer when getting the better of Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner, Michael Holding and Eldine Baptiste, not forgetting Winston Davis

For an encore, I was the only England batsman to take a century off Sri Lanka when they came to Lord's at the end of the season although most people seemed to expect the first four or five in the batting order to do the same

You have to go back to Denis Compton in 1947 to find the last time an English summer was decorated by four Test centuries by an individual batsman from the home side

Yet the praise I received was strangely muted, the headlines, in the main, offensive and critical. My situation was not eased by the fact that none of my centuries brought about a victory

I had arrived in this world in Langebaanweg of English born parents

Langebaanweg? It is in South Africa, and that made all the difference. The reaction hurt me - deeply. For I gave blood, sweat and tears in making those runs, in trying to save the cricketing reputation of a country I regard as home

Unfortunately, after an unbroken run of 27 Test matches for England by the end of last summer, I may regard it as home but the vast majority of the people I represent still look upon me as a suspect 5ft 8in of trouble. Someone who has little right to be sandwiched in the middle order between the elegant frame of David Gower and the more



Allan Lamb... decorated the English summer with four centuries yet the praise he received was muted, the headlines, in the main, offensive and critical

This extract is taken from "Lamb's Tales" by Allan Lamb with Peter Smith, to be published shortly by George Allen and Unwin, London.

robust one of Ian Botham

I was still the interloper, the South African who had sneaked into the England side before the Test and County Cricket Board had time to close the door in their qualification laws

The entry into the Test arena I would normally have taken had been closed to me as a result of the world's abhorrence of the apartheid system in the country of my birth

Yet I regard myself as just as English as Cowdrey or Dexter despite the clipped accent that betrays my upbringing. As proud to play and fight for England against the most fearsome attack cricket has known – just as Compton was throughout his marvellous 78 Test-match career which turned him into the game's first modern-style superstar

It is not my fault that the parents of Cowdrey and Dexter – or the many others born overseas but accepted into the England side without a murmur – were temporary absentees from this country, whereas mine were settled in South Africa. They had made the country their home after being taken out there as youngsters by their parents

That is the only difference between us and I was quite prepared to serve the four-year qualifying period



Graham Gooch. was heard to comment that he could not understand how he a Britisher by birth could be banned for playing in South Africa when it was perfectly acceptable for England to pick someone actually born in South Africa

I cannot help thinking how better off Zola Budd might have been today had she been made to serve a qualification period before being rushed into the British team for last year's Olympics

It appeared at the time to have been far too bewildering for a 17-year-old

There was no need to have rushed her. Zola was way off her peak as a runner, and the 1988 Olympics would have suited her better

As for myself, there is a constant reminder of my background and birthplace in reports of almost everything I do which sets me as a man apart. It serves to feed further the minds of those who refuse to accept that I have a common link with almost everybody else in the England side – English-born parents

My wife Lindsay, who has sacrificed so much to support my career faithfully keeps scrapbooks of almost everything written about me particularly where Test matches are concerned. And almost every Test match report contains the words South Africa whenever they get around to my name

Somewhere near the top of the story will be the words South African-born Allan Lamb or Allan Lamb, the chunky South African born batsman or England's batsman from South Africa Allan Lamb

Always a label always a tag. Never – or very seldom – just plain Allan Lamb full stop. Yet in glancing through cricket books or match reports during the Cowdrey and Dexter years I never found they were presented in a similar way. Stories never began Indian-born Colin Cowdrey or Italian born Ted Dexter

I am just using these two to emphasise my point. I could just as easily use the instance of Gubby Allen, another former England captain. He was born in Australia

Or I could use Bob Woolmer, who was born in Kanpur, Derek Pringle, born in Nairobi, or Phil Edmonds, whose birthplace was Lusaka

England have recently picked two players who do not have English-born parents. They are Roland Butcher and Norman Cowans, born in Barbados and Jamaica respectively

Both were raised in England and have every right to represent the country. They have suffered the insults of a few mindless idiot hooligans who litter the odd county ground shouting obscenities under



Allan Lamb gave blood, sweat and tears in making runs, in trying to save the reputation of a country he regards as home

the influence of drink and through the safety of being in a crowd

I was not alone in the Northants side in feeling disgusted at Lord's during the Nat West semifinal last August when a few beer-swilling youngsters occupied the area in front of the Tavern bar and taunted Cowans when he was fielding a few yards in front of them on the third man boundary

Butch' and Flash Cowans suffered because of the colour of their skin. But I do not think they have suffered the resentment I have found in being South African born yet playing for England

I have found no bias when playing for Northants. It is only at international level that the feeling creeps inside me that I must do twice as well as anybody else in the England team if I am to receive any acknowledgement

The difference was brought home to me with great force on the day after I had made that unbeaten 100 against the West Indies at Old Trafford last July

That evening I was having a drink in the Cornhill reception area in the company of two senior cricket writers. They congratulated me on my innings but one, a former England player, went on to say 'Wouldn't it be nice if an Englishman could do the same for England in the second innings?'

Perhaps I am a little too sensitive

THE ALLAN LAMB STORY...

on the subject. Yet it is difficult not to be when I see letters from people questioning my right to be playing for England

It might have been different but for the controversy splitting the game at the time I was selected for England for the first time in the one-day international series against India in 1982

Feeling was still running high about the three-year Test ban imposed on Graham Gooch, John Emburey, Geoff Boycott, and others for making up an English XI to play in South Africa in March that year

Gooch was heard to comment more than once that he could not understand how he, born and raised just east of London, could be banned by England for playing against South Africa when it was perfectly acceptable for England to pick somebody who was actually born in South Africa

There was nothing personal in Gooch's argument. As far as I am aware, he has had no objection to my playing for England apart from the unusual circumstances of his own case at the time. But it must have caused considerable resentment around the country among fans who saw my name in the England team when their own heroes were being denied the chance

I should like to make it clear that I did not agree with the ban and cer

tainly not the length of it. The popular view is that the ban was imposed on the 13 "rebels" to appease the major coloured cricket-playing countries and to avoid the threat of world cricket being split into two camps.

The majority of people in this country appeared to believe that the Test and County Cricket Board had bowed to threats from India, Pakistan, and the West Indies - something they could not understand when India and Pakistan appeared happy to play against an England side containing me

I hope it is not true that they bowed to outside pressure. English cricket must be run for the benefit of English cricket alone, and I am not convinced that there would have been a coloured walk-out from the International Cricket Conference if Gooch and the others had been allowed to continue as Test players

The coloured playing countries need England and Australia on their circuit to provide them with money, particularly the West Indies

It was a pity all the controversy had been around at the time I was making my England bow and which put my South African background more fully in the spotlight than it might have been

When I first entered the England team I did not take a place that had

been occupied by any of the "rebels"

It is possible, perhaps, that both my Northants colleagues Peter Willey and Wayne Larkins, might have been considered for the No 3 place I was to occupy when I first played for England if they had not been banned. This did not make life too easy for me

Although they never voiced any objection to me personally, they both felt as strongly as Gooch and Emburey about the presence of a South African-born batsman in the England side when they were not allowed to play. It did result in some embarrassing moments in the Northants dressing-room that summer

I state again that no rebel lost his Test place or the £1,500 fee that goes with it because I was suddenly qualified for England. I stress this because it is a point many have conveniently overlooked

All the controversy surrounding the banning of the England players had one other side effect. I wasn't sure how I would be accepted by the other England players although Tony Greig appeared to be welcome when he had travelled along the same road 10 years earlier and Basil d'Oliveira had been greeted with open arms - two others born in South Africa

Thankfully, the greetings from the others appeared to be genuine enough when I first walked into the England dressing-room. There was not the slightest hint of any animosity. Yet I still felt a little uneasy even at the end of my first summer with England

That feeling persisted when I left to go on the Australian tour in the 82-83 winter. After we had been out there a fortnight I went to lunch with Bob Willis, David Gower and Ian Botham and over a marvellous dish of garlic prawns I asked the three of them if I fitted in. They seemed staggered that I should even raise the point

I was grateful for their support that day. I have been tremendously grateful for the support all three have given me ever since. They are another reason why I love playing for England

I love it so much that, proud as I am of the three centuries I hit against the West Indies in my attempt to become accepted by the public at large, I would willingly have swapped all of them for an England victory in the series against Clive Lloyd's remarkable team



The fact that his Northants colleagues Peter Willey (left) and Wayne Larkins might have been selected for England in his place if they had not been banned did not make life easy for Allan Lamb

How cricket's great contest for the Ashes started: Tuesday, August 29, 1882



The victorious Australians of '82... Back Row: S. Jones, A. Bannerman, G. Bonnor, F. Spofforth, J. Blackham, G. Palmer, G. Giffen, T. Garret, H. Massie and P. McDonnell. Seated: W. Murdoch, H. Boyle and T. Horan

THE ASHES STORY

A special report by Christopher Hilton

IT WAS bitterly cold. Rain hung in the air and the 20 000 people forming a dense ring round the Oval wore dark raincoats. They all waited quietly.

The clock moved on beyond 3.30 p.m.

Deep inside the small pavilion Frederick Spofforth, a tall lean satanic fast bowler surveyed his team-mates and kept repeating: 'This thing can be done, this thing can be done.'

And then they filed out, down the steps, on to the pitch. If any of them glanced at the scoreboard it told them a very simple story.

Australia 63 and 122, England 101. In a few moments, an England side with ten recognised batsmen would begin their second innings needing only 85 to win.

One of them was a giant, easily recognisable even from across the ground where thousands sat in a long, low wooden stand. WG Grace, a colossal man with a colos-

sal beard, the heaviest run-scorer the game had known.

The man, beside him AN Hornby, known as Monkey, a Blackburn man and a famous opener for Lancashire. He had batted at ten in the first innings - there was so much batting in the side it didn't matter.

Now, as captain, he had promoted himself. To get this thing over quickly and painlessly, no doubt.

But the wicket wasn't good. The rain which hung had fallen earlier. The pitch would help Spofforth.

At exactly quarter to four, Spofforth measured out his run at the gasworks end, turned, came in and bowled to Grace. A maiden. There was no hurry.

Grace and Hornby took seven singles and Hornby gave the innings its impetus by on-driving Spofforth for four, but Spofforth was a devastating bowler, sinister to look at - a beak of a nose, a drooping moustache full of mystery.

He was over 6ft and from that height he could make the ball cut back viciously. He beat Hornby, who edged it, beat him again and knocked his off-stump back. Fifteen for one.

Richard Barlow was from Bolton, normally Hornby's partner and known throughout the land as an infernally difficult man to get out.

He took guard while Spofforth stayed poised at the end of his run, watched as Spofforth accelerated, played at it. The ball did cut back from a length, brushed the bat and scattered the stumps. 15 for two!

Now Yorkshire, where Lancashire had failed, George Ulyett was a professional and in Melbourne six months before he had taken 149 from these same Australians. He watched Grace get hold of the game.

They called Grace The Champion. He on-drove Spofforth for four, did it again, this time for three. There was a tremendous cheer. It was

going to be easy

With the score at 30 Spofforth changed to the pavillion end and Harry Boyle came on to partner him

The 50 was reached at 4 35 but a single later Spofforth unleashed his really fast one Ulyett moved anticipating the cut-back It was straight It touched his bat and the wicket-keeper grabbed it low down on the off-side 51 for three

Two runs later Grace drove at Boyle and didn't get hold of it properly The ball was going hard but upward, upward into the safe hands of mid-off Fifty three for four

The men of pedigree were at the wicket now, the kind who built and ruled Victoria's Empire, A P Lucas, Uppingham Cambridge University, Surrey and the Rt-Hon Alfred Lyttelton, Eton Cambridge University and Middlesex

The score crawled to 60 just before 5 p.m. and then Lyttelton hit Spofforth for four It was almost the last vigorous gesture of certainty

The tension was gathering reaching out to the batsmen Boyle



W.G. Grace... not even he could halt the Aussies

bowled a maiden to Lyttelton, Spofforth bowled a maiden to Lucas And Another And another- 12 in all, six from either end

Four more maiden overs, each stretching the nerves taut, and suddenly Spofforth produced the Sne which cut back It struck the top of Lyttelton's middle stump cleanly 66 for five 19 to win

Allan Steel was next, another with pedigree Marlborough, Cambridge University, Lancashire He was openly nervous Was it he who on the way to the wicket, couldn't speak to a fielder who wished him well because his lips were ashen grey and his throat so parched?

Before he could do anything, Lucas late-cut Boyle for four 15 to win

At 70, with Steel lost in his nerves, he pushed limply at Spofforth's slower ball and was caught and bowled Still 15 to win Only four wickets left

Maurice Read was in now He survived Spofforth's first ball, the second hit middle and off 70 for seven Still 15 to win

William Barnes was a good all-rounder, solid Nottinghamshire stock and he hit Spofforth for two In that same over three byes were frantically run

But Lucas who had survived for so long, was unlucky now From the last ball of Spofforth's over he played on 75 for eight

The next man, Charles Studd was helpless at the non-striker's end as Barnes faced Boyle The first ball of the over jumped glanced a glove and went to point An easy catch Seventy-five for nine

One man remained - Edmund Peate, a slow bowler As he went to the wicket, the scorer was so affected that instead of writing Peate he scribbled something which looked like geese in the scorebook

Peate took guard All he had to do was survive Studd would do the rest

But Peate panicked He lashed at Boyle's first ball and it could have gone anywhere It went to square leg They ran two

Calm down Peate!

That second ball he played an other awful shot, somehow keeping it out of his stumps

Calm down Peate!

In came Boyle and Peate lashed again completely missed it and was bowled England all out 77 Australia had won by seven runs The vast crowd remained silent and motionless for a long moment then they rushed the ground

It was a few days before the decorum of the age was restored It was done in a publication called The Sporting Times which printed its famous obituary notice

A little while after an English team was formed to go to Australia to get The Ashes back

And that's how it all began

The following winter, in Australia, England took a 2-1 lead Some Melbourne women burnt a bail and presented the ashes in the now-famous urn to England captain Ivo Bligh

THE BIRTH OF THE ASHES

AUSTRALIA-First Innings

A.C. Bannerman c Grace b Peate	9
H.H. Massie b Ulyett	1
W.L. Murdoch b Peate	13
G.J. Bonnor b Bailw	1
T.P. Horan b Barlow	3
G. Griffen b Peate	2
J.M. Blackham c Grace b Barlow	17
T.W. Garrett c Read b Peate	10
H.F. Boyle b Barlow	2
S.P. Jones c Barnes b Barlow	0
F.R. Spofforth not out	4
B 1	1

Total 63

Fall of wkts 6 21 22 26 30 30 48 53 59

Bowling -Peate 38 24 31 4 Ulyett 9 5 11 1 Barlow 31 22 19 5 Steel 2 1-1 0

Second Innings

A.C. Bannerman c Studd b Barnes	13
H.H. Massie b Steel	55
W.L. Murdoch run out	29
G.J. Bonnor b Ulyett	2
T.P. Horan c Grace b Peate	2
G. Griffen c Grace b Peate	0
J.M. Blackham c Lyttelton b Peate	7
T.W. Garrett not out	2
H.F. Boyle b Steel	0
S.P. Jones run out	8
F. Spofforth b Peate	0
Extras	6

Total 122

Fall of wkts 66, 70 70, 79, 79 79 99 114, 117 122

Bowling:-Peate 21-9-40-4, Ulyett 6-2-10-1, Barlow 13-5-27-0, Steel 7-0-15-2; Barnes 12-5-15-1, Studd 4-1-9-0

ENGLAND-First Innings

R.G. Barlow c Bannerman b Spofforth	11
W.G. Grace b Spofforth	4
G. Ulyett c Blackham b Spofforth	26
A.P. Lucas c Blackham b Boyle	9
Hon A. Lyttelton c Blackham b Spofforth	2
C.T. Studd b Spofforth	0
J.M. Read not out	19
W. Barnes b Boyle	5
A.G. Steel b Garrett	14
A.N. Hornby b Spofforth	2
E. Peate c Boyle b Spofforth	0
B 6 lb 2 nb 1	9

Total 101

Fall of wkts 13 18 57 59 60 63 70 96 101

Bowling -Spofforth 36 3 18 46 7 Garrett 16 7 22 1 Boyle 19 7 24 2

Second Innings

R.G. Barlow b Spofforth	0
W.G. Grace c Bannerman b Boyle	32
G. Ulyett c Blackham b Spofforth	11
A.P. Lucas b Spofforth	5
Hon A. Lyttelton b Spofforth	12
C.T. Studd not out	0
J.M. Read b Spofforth	0
W. Barnes c Murdoch b Boyle	2
A.G. Steel c/b Spofforth	0
A.N. Hornby b Spofforth	1
E. Peate b Boyle	2
B 3 nb 1	4

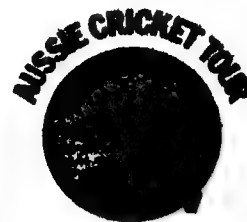
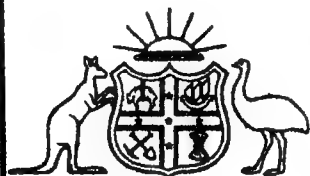
Total 77

Fall of wkts 15 15 51 53 66 70, 70 75 75

Bowling.-Spofforth 28-15 44 7, Garrett 7-2-10-0; Boyle 20-11-19 3

Result: Australia won by 7 runs

Umpires: R. Thomas and L. Greenwood



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NEWS FOLIO...NEWS FOLIO...

Han Jian wins

Calgary: Chinese Han Jian won the men's singles title at the World Badminton Championships defeating Danie, Morten Frost Hansen 14-19, 15-10, 15-9 in a long drawn, exciting 75-minute battle. Frost was the favourite after Chinese number one Zhao Jian Hua had withdrawn from the tournament.

The women's singles title also went to China when Han Aiping defeated compatriot Wu Jianhui 6-11, 12-11, 11-2, in a controversial final

Boris the champ

London: Boris Becker, the teenaged West German tennis star, claimed the Queen's Court Stella Artois grass court tournament defeating Joahna Kriek in the final 6-2, 6-3 to win \$250,000

Top seed Jimmy Connors had crashed out in the first round itself and the Indian challengers, Vijay Amritraj and Ramesh Krishnan fell by the wayside before the last eight stage

Carl Lewis loses

Indianapolis: Olympic 100 m champion Carl Lewis was defeated over the distance for the first time in two years when he came fourth in his semi final at the U.S. Athletic Championships

Lewis had suffered a slight strain in his right hamstring while long jumping in Los Angeles in May. Lewis finished in 10.34 sec, slow by his standards, and then later withdrew from the 200 m trials

Fender passes away

London: Percy Fender, who was the world's oldest surviving Test cricketer passed away on June 16 in a nursing home in Exeter. Fender, an outstanding cricketer, still has one record against his name - the fastest century in first class cricket. During an innings of 118 not out in 42 minutes. He made it off between 40 and 46 balls when scoring was not as detailed as it is today

In 1921, Fender also became the first man to do the 'treble' of

1000 runs, 100 wickets and 50 catches in a season

India's debacle

Amstelveen: The West German men's hockey team won the four nation invitation BMW hockey tournament by winning all their three matches. They beat India 4-1, Holland 1-0 and England 3-1 to win the title

Indian finished last for the first time in an international competition losing all their three matches

Rono finishes last

Nairobi: Kenyan Henry Rono, who world records in three different events, finished last in a 10,000 metres comeback race in the Mombasa

Brazil's victory

Asucion: Brazil defeated Paraguay 2-0 and moved into the lead in Group III World Cup elimination play. The Brazilian goals were scored by Casagrande in the first half and by star striker Zico in the second session

Banks' record

Indianapolis: American Willie Banks shattered the world record in the men's triple jump event with a leap of 17.97 metres in the U.S. outdoor Track and Field Championships. Banks beat the previous best of 17.89 metres set by Joao Oliveira of Brazil in 1975 in Mexico city



American jockey Steve Cauthen takes 'Slip Anchor' past the finish post, to win the 206th Epsom Derby in London last week. Cauthen, 25, led the race from the start to become the first American for 78 years to win the classic

Prof. D.B. Deodhar

A typical product of the old school

PROFESSOR D.B. Deodhar, an illustrious contemporary of C.K. Nayudu, was part and parcel of India's cricket history, exercising a profound influence on the development of the game. C.K. was brought up in propitious circumstances, amidst affluence, one can even say, but Deodhar had to struggle hard through adversity and primitive conditions to acquire a highly respected position in the Indian cricket hierarchy.

Both C.K. and the Professor, who was born in 1892, three years earlier to the former, applied themselves with great dedication to whatever sport they took up and worked very hard to achieve a high degree of competence but the games each indulged in provide an insight into the influences they were under while they were young.

C.K. was brilliant in athletics, good at billiards and polo, was a fine horseman and a keen hunter.

Deodhar played with success indigenous games like atyapatya, kho, kho, kabbadi and football at school and only when he entered the portals of the college did he turn his attention more to tennis. Through participation in these various disciplines, both C.K. and the Professor developed a sound physique which enabled them to mark in cricket, which proved a passion to both. Deodhar played first class cricket till 1946, when he was 55-years-old, and his long record was overhauled only by C.K., who played his last match when he was 61.

Youngest of three brothers, Deodhar came from a healthy stock, but he lost his mother when he was but two-years-old. Fortunately his aunt, who was childless, proved a guardian angel for them, and braved many hardships to bring them up in her home in Pune. Recalls Deodhar: "We obviously had a hard life of selfhelp and work in our teens, but this grind of adver-

sity did me a lot of good, by making me follow a frugal, strenuous and disciplined life and keeping me off from the luxuries and temptations harmful to our health. I thus played football, which was and is the best game for youngsters to cultivate a strong and sturdy physique and which is the sine-quo-non for success in all outdoor games. I kept to a simple and healthy vegetarian diet then and later throughout my life and I believe it helped me in maintaining perfect physical fitness and a keen eyesight essential in cricket."

Deodhar's early brush with cricket was on the "natural lawn" on the banks of River Mutha, running through Pune city, with crude implements for bat and ball. Adversity during these schooldays naturally steeled the nerves and temper of Deodhar and built him up to give off his best even in difficult situations later on.

Young Deodhar made excellent progress after he had joined Ferguson College and in 1910 he got a call from Bombay to play for the Hindus in the prestigious Triangular Tournament. He did not make the final eleven, so he practised very hard and in the following season won a place after a fine batting performance against St. Xavier's College of Bombay.

Though he failed in his maiden appearance in the Triangular tournament - later to be expanded into a Quadrangular and Pentagonal - he soon made his mark, and after a series of consistent scores hit up his first century in 1925 against the Parsees. What was more important was that Deodhar established himself as a leading batsman of the country, combining sound defence with an array of attacking strokes. His frequent visits to Bombay helped him to augment his batting resources so that he was always an entertainer, though not on the gorgeous scale of C.K. Nayudu.

A memorable, performance which gave Deodhar immense satisfaction and raised his stature to a new level, was his century knock in the first unofficial Test match against the M.C.C. which toured India in 1926-27. With the magnifi-



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cent support of his skipper K M Mistri, he scored 146 runs, a great innings characterised by a fine defence and strong off driving. What was also important was that the innings was played in a crisis, after the dismissal of stalwarts like C K, L P Jai and Wasir Ali, and enabled All India to draw the match.

The century also proved to be the first by an Indian batsman in a Test – official or unofficial it matters little – against a touring side.

Five years later Deodhar earned unstinted praise from Jack Hobbs and Herbert Sutcliffe, the famous English pair of opening batsmen, when he scored a century for V. S. Srinivasan's team for whom the Englishmen were also playing, against Ceylon Europeans.

Despite this knock, Deodhar was dropped from the Indian team to England in 1932 on the grounds that he was too old – he was 40 then – and the tour was for young men with a future. The double standards that were adopted became evident when C K and C. Ramaswami were chosen for the 1936 tour to England though both had crossed the 40 mark.

Deodhar was sidelined for the home Tests in 1933-34 and for the tour to England in 1936 while the same argument that he was too old was advanced for the Tests against Lord Tennyson's team in 1938 even though Deodhar showed fine form with an excellent century for Maharashtra against the visitors in the opening match of their tour.

Deodhar's career would probably have ended in the mid-thirties but the Ranji trophy championship inaugurated in 1934-35 provided him more opportunities to show his prowess. This new tournament provided scope for the Professor to develop his skill as a leader and to re-establish himself as a player and in the process exercise his influence on the progress of the game in the country. Nowhere was this influence felt so much as in Maharashtra's cricket.

As a reaction to the stop-motherly treatment meted out to cricketers from Pune by the authorities in Bombay, the Maharashtra Cricket Association was formed in 1934, with the Professor taking a leading part in the move. Then began the task of building up Maharashtra cricket by the Professor by regrouping the players belonging to Pune scattered all over the state, and, which culminated in two successive triumphs in the Ranji trophy championship in 1939-40 and 1940-41.



C K. Nayudu (left) and Prof. Deodhar applied themselves with great dedication to whatever sport they took up

The applause for these triumphs was also for the great role that Deodhar had played as a captain and as a player. His own contribution to these two victories were a total 813 runs, made up of two centuries and one double century (246) against old rival Bombay, besides other good scores.

The astonishing veteran proceeded to tear Bombay's attack apart and duly reached the double century. For all you know he was a man in early twenties at the crease instead of a fifty-year old stalwart, was Vijay Hazare's telling comment on Deodhar's effort against Bombay.

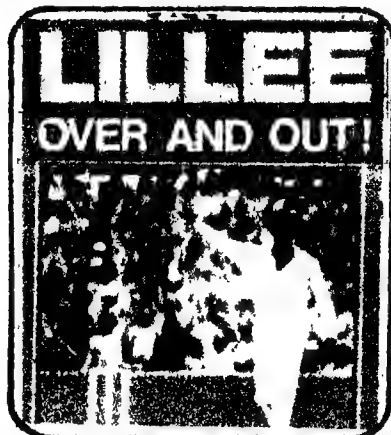
Four years later the evergreen Professor scored a century in each innings (105 and 145) against Nawanagar and ended his first class career with a flourish by scoring 102 against C K. Nayudu's team in the Bengal Relief Fund match.

By virtue of his active participation in first class matches for nearly four decades Prof. Deodhar occupies a unique place among the select band of famous cricketers," said C K, while paying a tribute to Deodhar. "I have watched him on the cricket field during a continuous period of thirty-five years. But time has evidently left untouched the sheer artistry and the iron form of

the Professor.

He is a typical product of the old school. Though denied the opportunity of showing the intrinsic merits of his own game Prof. Deodhar has to his credit a number of classic performances. It was indeed a rare achievement for a bowler to shatter his wicket once the Professor settled down to his match-winning stuff. I thoroughly enjoyed the sight of Prof. Deodhar walking up to the pitch in his inimitable manner and scoring a run off the first ball, with his crisp cuts and his immaculate driving he invariably helped his side to register a big total. Prof. Deodhar defied the popular practice of retiring early from the arena of Indian cricket. He has a genuine love for the game and enjoys every moment on the playing field. His recent performances have proved him a terrific force to reckon with. Prof. Deodhar was a keen fighter who invariably touched his best form when he was up against heavy odds. India has never paid him the tribute which is due to him. His non-inclusion in the past Indian XIs will remain a dark memory in the annals of Indian cricket.

Add to this the tribute of Vijay Merchant for a complete picture of the Professor. During a Quadrangular match Merchant, playing under the Professor, had ample scope to study him and his methods of bat-



"Nothing gets up my nose more than double standards"

By Dennis Lillee

I SUPPOSE nothing gets up my nose more than double standards. What's good for me should be good enough for someone else. Or so I always thought

For this reason, I blew my top when I heard that my old mate Rod Marsh had escaped with a severe reprimand for throwing his bat in the 1983-84 Sheffield Shield final against Queensland in Perth. The W.A. guys who saw me angry couldn't understand what I was upset about. Hadn't Marsh, my buddy, beaten the rap? Shouldn't I be tickled pink?

Well, no. My association with Marsh wasn't the point. The point was that had it been me in Rod's boots, someone would have thrown the book at me! No doubt about that. And what made me even madder was the fact that umpires Mel Johnson and Peter O'Connell - two men whose ability I respect enormously - had verbally guaranteed that they would not appeal if the W.A. players' tribunal found Rod guilty of misconduct and reprimanded him. Hell, if that didn't beat all!

Here was I copping \$1000 fines, suspensions and bad publicity and my little fat mate gets off virtually scot-free!

I also deplored how it happened. I was acting W.A. captain and originally on the tribunal that was to sit in judgement on Rod. I refused because I was told by Tony Mann that the case had to be heard that night. I said: "I don't want to hear it now. I've got enough problems on my mind. I'll talk about it another time."

Although I didn't actually say it, I meant the following morning but when I arrived at the W.A.C.A. ground, justice - or a very rough imitation of it - had already been done.



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"No problems," said Mann, "the umpires have said that if we just reprimand him severely, they won't appeal." That decision, as far as I was concerned, turned the entire disciplinary system into a farce

Rod has abused an umpire and thrown his bat a good 20 metres and if the players' behaviour code was to be taken at all seriously, he would have been made to pay for it. What I mean is, no matter what the name, stature or reputation of the offender, there should be some sort of uniformity of penalty.

Perhaps they take previous records into account before the conviction and penalty. This is itself rather flies in the face of British justice as we know it because in any court, at any level, the record of the

accused cannot be revealed or considered until a conviction in that particular case has been recorded.

Good luck to Rod for beating the rap in what was, after all, his last first-class match. But to hell with the system itself.

My own record in the misconduct area is not as bad as most might imagine. I've had two fines and two suspensions - not bad, really, for one so long in the game. I suppose it's just that my cases seem to grab the headlines.

My problems with the Australian Cricket Board's authority this time really started back on the Adelaide Oval in 1983. It was a W.A. - S.A. Sheffield Shield encounter, an important one for us in our efforts to

ensure that the final was played on our home turf. We were in a sound position too, until Michael Haysman and Peter Sleep got together and the runs started to flow. The game was starting to slip away from us, but we had just taken the new ball and I'd really built myself up for an effort to break through.

I did. I took three wickets in the space of 11 deliveries, but Sleep was still there and I badly wanted his wicket. I tried a little too hard and in my delivery stride managed to wrench my right leg. I suppose a lot of people who saw it happen thought I'd done my knee again. In fact, what I'd done was to badly tear the tendons and muscles at the top of my calf.



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I was hobbling from the ground in a good deal of pain and when I got to within about 10 metres of the fence, it became pretty apparent that the S.A.C.A. members watching my discomfort were not about to give me any recognition at all. I'm not the sort of bloke who wants a standing ovation every time he leaves the field, but there I was, hardly able to walk, a bloke who had just bowled his guts out for his State, a guy who was nearing the end of the road.

And there wasn't a soul about to give me any encouragement. Perhaps they were trying to tell me something. I reckon had it been anyone else on any other cricket field in the world, he would have been applauded, sympathetically, off the ground. But no. It was almost as if

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they were enjoying my plight. Perhaps they figured South Australia's chances had improved with me out of the attack. It was all too much

"Why don't you clap, you bug-gers!" I said. I didn't even yell it. It was a sort of throw-away line as I left the arena. I really didn't think that much about it at all. Imagine my astonishment when I was told I had been reported.

Reported!! Good grief, what for? Well, you see, Geoff Noblet, a S.A.-C.A. vice-president, had heard the remark, taken offence and decided that I should be on the mat.

Kim Hughes was W.A. captain that day and the team's tribunal did not even bother to sit in judgement on the case. They considered it too trivial. Case unheard, therefore, dismissed

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But that wasn't the end of it as far as the noble Mr. Noblet was concerned. He went as far as trying to get witnesses from among the S.A.-C.A. members to give evidence against me. I know he spoke to one lady who heard my remark, and her reply really amused me

"Yes," she said, "I heard him swear, but if you are going to report Dennis Lillee for that, then you might as well report David Hookes nearly every time he gets out."

That didn't deter Noblet. He appealed - and I was again back in front of Bob Merriman, co-ordinator of the A.C.B.'s players' committee. I just couldn't believe Merriman's finding and sentence: guilty, and a suspended \$1000 fine.

What it meant, of course, was that if I as much as said "shit" on the field at any stage within the next 14 months, I could lose \$1000 plus.



Be a good boy, they were saying, or else!

Another thing that amazed me was that I had no right of appeal. I couldn't really understand that at all because it says in the players' handbook that any appeal must be lodged within 24 hours of the sentence being handed down. If that's the case, why then was I denied the right of appeal? I never got a satisfactory answer on that one.

Indeed, the double-standard is the problem I have with the Australian Cricket Board. From the sidelines, it may have appeared that controversy and I went together like a meat pie and sauce.

It is true that there have been incidents, but not as many as most would imagine. In reality there were only three major incidents which, unfortunately, set me on to the front pages - the Javed Miandad dust-up, the aluminium bat affair and that bet on England

"The thing that annoyed me most about that affair was that Javed jabbed me in the ribcage with his bat"

I got no kicks at all from Javed episode. In 13 years of Test cricket, it is probably the only incident I regret. I regret retaliating...even though I was provoked. I also regret that the full facts of the incident never emerged - because my name was Dennis Lillee, not John Smith. There I go on that victimisation thing again, but I really do think there were a special set of rules for me when it came to authority.

The thing that annoyed me most about that affair was the Javed jabbed me in the ribcage with his bat, but nobody wanted to know about that.

I'm not saying I was right in what I did, even though I gave him only a slight tap on the pad.

I'm sorry thousands of kids saw it, but I'm sorry the incident wasn't fully shown in television replays.

I clearly recall New Zealand pacer Richard Hadlee colliding with

an Australian batsman. It looked for all the world as if Hadlee had tried to trip him or shove him off balance as our guy was going for a quick run. But did they crucify the Kiwi for that? No way! It made a paragraph near the bottom of match reports. Had it been me? Well...

I always thought I was "set up" in the aluminium bat incident. I certainly burned my fingers on those bats. I'd checked the rules very carefully and spoken to management, State authorities and Board members. They all agreed there was nothing to say I couldn't use an aluminium bat in a first-class match.

I liken it to the instance of the bat manufacturer who was trying to push the scoop design. He approached Greg Chappell and said "Look, don't use your ordinary-shaped willow, use the scoop because we want people to see it is available and a good bat."

That's all I was trying to do with my bat...and I was within my rights to use it. I became very upset because I was set up.

"They" said they stopped me using it because it was chopping up the ball. Rubbish! Lots of different people carried out tests later and the unbiased ones showed that the aluminium bat produced no more wear and tear on a ball than a wooden blade.

"They" knew I was using a different bat because there was a "clunk" when I hit the ball rather than a woody sound.

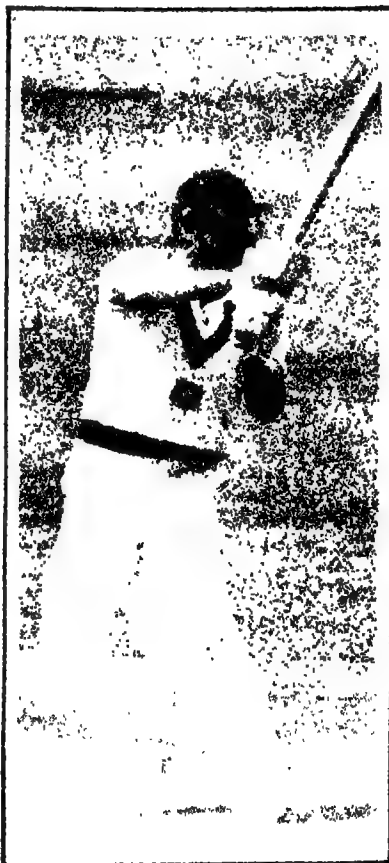
When you think about it, they shouldn't have complained because there was no doubt when you'd made contact with the ball. It would have made an umpire's job easier.

I came back on the field and tried to use the bat again because I knew I was right, but I could see I was beating my head against a brick wall. So common sense prevailed...and I set a world record for throwing an aluminium bat.

The whole business left a nasty taste because the hierarchy in England decided during that game that the aluminium bat would be banned from first-class cricket. If my name hadn't been Dennis Lillee, maybe that wouldn't have happened either.

The bats were never ever intended for use at Test or Shield cricket level. They were for school cricket, practice, social matches, backyard cricket and kids' presents. They are probably a very proposition in today's economy.

We hope people will eventually



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appreciate the bat's value and durability. We still have the patent and we still get steady orders for them in 10, 15 or 20 years' time, with the cost of willow spiralling, maybe they'll be accepted.

And that bet on England in that game we "couldn't lose" well, I only wish I'd had more on.

I'd flatten anyone who ever suggested I threw a game. I have a completely clear conscience over the betting incident. I believe my integrity, as far as playing to win every game I've played, is unquestioned.

I didn't regard it as betting against my team or my country. I just thought the odds 500/1 were ridiculous for a two-horse race.

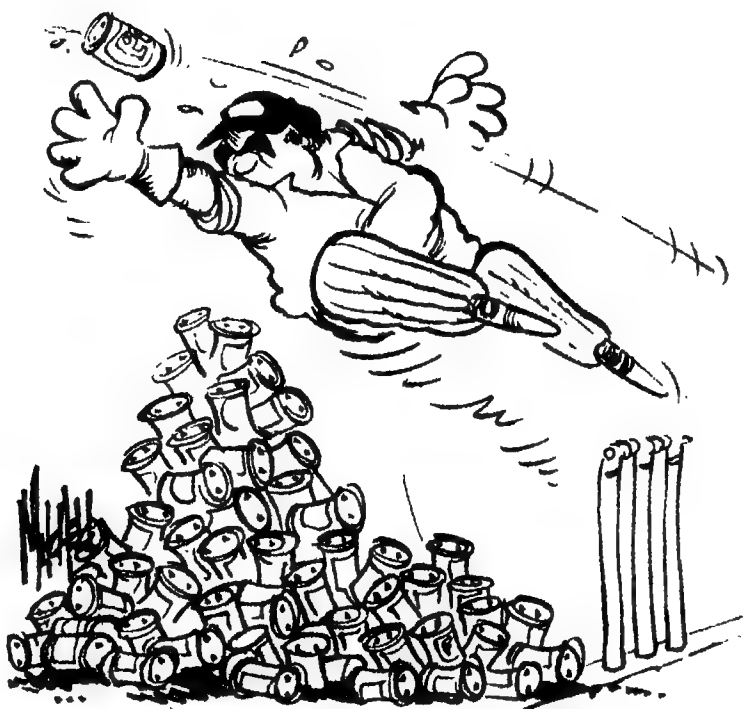
I played the game to the best of my ability and strove at all times to win.

The thing that irks me is that it was by no means the first time players had bet on the other team. I certainly wasn't the first but I was the first to be crucified for it.

I'd planned to have £50 on England. That I got cold feet about virtually throwing big money away and only made it a £10 wager is still a matter of regret to me.

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What went wrong at Singapore

By Om Agrawal

NEVER HAS a tournament promised so much for India yet delivered so little as the Second Asian Snooker Championships at Singapore. As world champion I knew I carried a heavy burden to

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bring the Lafir trophy to India for the first time just as I had brought the world trophy a year ago. If not I then snooker fans in India expected Geet Sethi to do it having won the national title and thrashed me in many events after that. If not Sethi at least the newcomer to the international game Sanjay Sawant should have done it.

But no it did not turn out that way. India drew a blank as Hong Kong's chubby 33 year old Gary Kwok won the title beating the

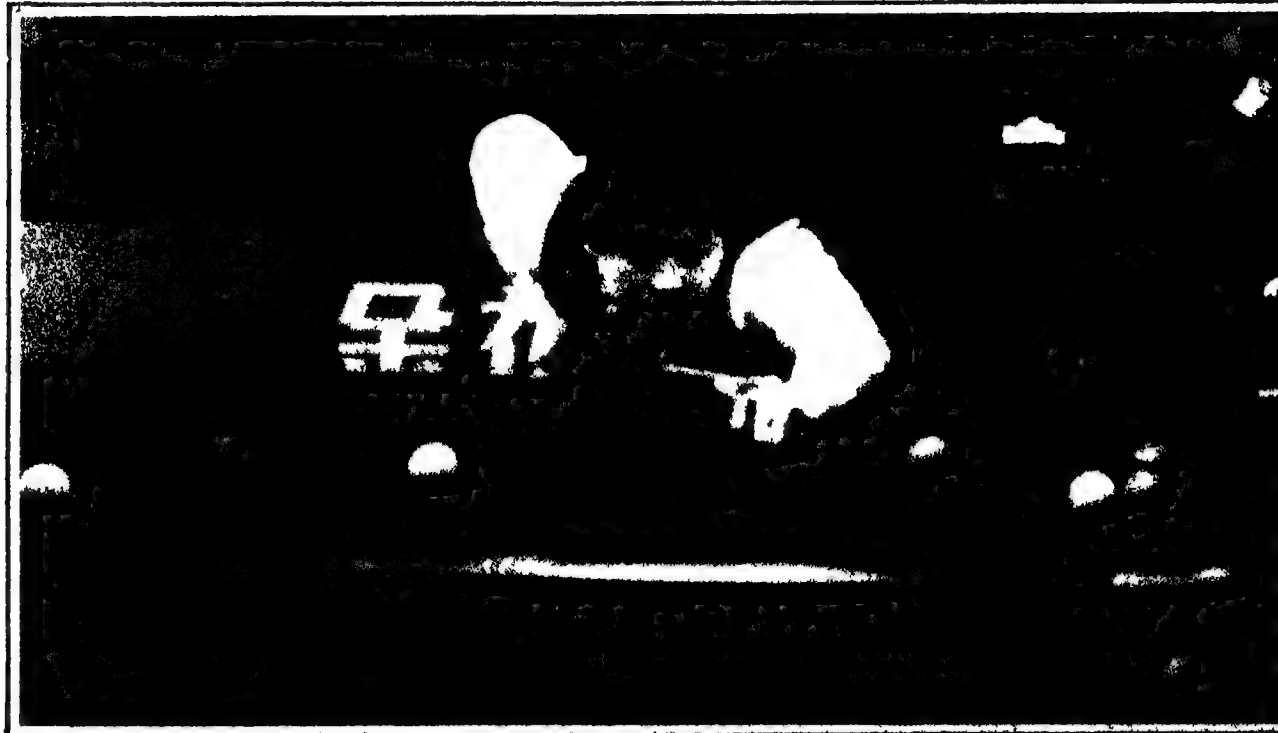


Referee Bruce Stevens watches Om Agrawal in action at the Asian Championships

reigning champion Sakchai Siyngarm in the final by eight frames to five.

What went wrong with us? To

tell the truth I had not tuned myself up for the big tournament the way normally do. After joining the professional ranks I have lost th



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motivation for the amateur game and will start serious training only when I go to London in August

Agreed that I won the BCA Garware Clubhouse tournament but it happened even though I was not playing well. At the Asians also I could not get myself to any heights

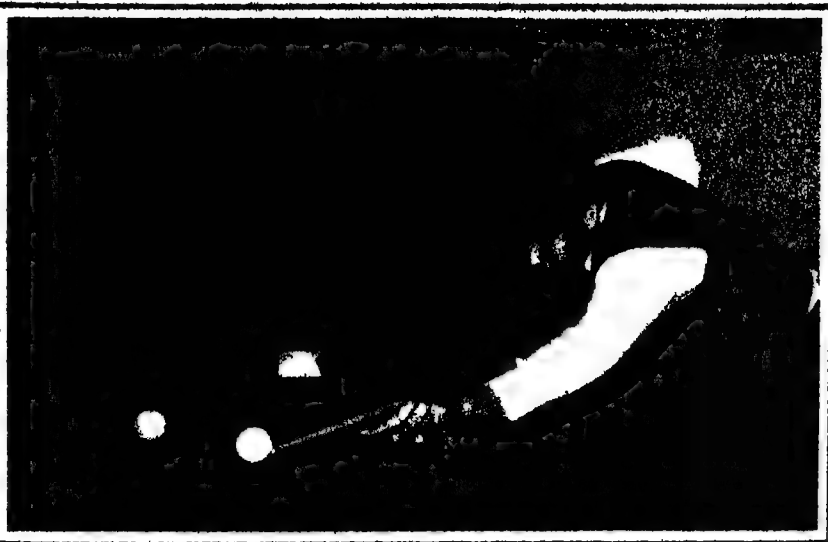
I thought Indians had a slight handicap because of the lighting. There were tubelights and a couple of neon lights. We have not been playing under white lights. All over India we have yellow lighting

So that took some time for adjustment but we never fully adjusted to the lighting. But that is not an excuse for the defeat. I have explained the real reasons for my not making even the semi-finals. Of course my opponent Gary Kwok the eventual champion had great slices of luck in the crucial frames but still I am not complaining. He deserved to win.

Geet Sethi was pathetic to watch. It was just that he had lost his self confidence. He was not striking the cherry well and really out of sort.

But I thought after losing Geet should have been around to cheer the others especially Sanjay Sawant who during his crucial match against Sakchai had very little crowd support. It is important to have someone rooting for you. While playing you tend to look around and when you see familiar faces you feel reassured. Mr P N Roy's presence was reassuring.

Sawant was the find of the tournament. His play was excellent and we all thought he might become the champion. But he made mis-



Sakchai Simngarm. failed to retain his title when he lost by five frames to eight in the final

takes at crucial stages and thus blew his title chances

Of the other players I liked the style of Lim Koon of Singapore who became the first to top the hundred mark in the Asians. Thai players were also impressive - Wattana Thongchai and Sakchai. They have a copybook style and are a delight to watch.

The crowd response was good but I thought they were biased against Indians. They always used to cheer our opponents though that may have been because they were the underdogs.

But the organisers were a superb lot. They made pukka arrangements and our stay was comfortable. People like Richard Yap, Peter and Chris Watson and Lau Weng and Michal Tan and Richard Lim

went out of their way to help us. But we had to fend for ourselves where food was concerned.

The Indian government through the national federation gives just 10 US dollars as allowance per day. If you had lunch at the hotel where we were staying those ten dollars would have gone at lunch time. In these days of sponsorship something must be done about such things. Sanjay Sawant was the third entry and he had to foot his own staying bill. He first had to pay nearly Rs. 600 for accommodation and later had to shift to an apartment where it was slightly less expensive. It is a wonder that Sawant played so well in spite of such financial constraints.

Yes, that's the lot of us - snooker players at amateur level. That is why I decided to turn pro and make the most of my talent. I know it is going to be a tough grind but I am sure I can prove myself in that august company. I will be prepared for the tough grind.

What next? No more tournaments for me. I will relax in this coming month before the pro circuit starts. Maybe you may see me in a different role at the World Billiards at New Delhi in July. What did you ask? Well, as a Hindi broadcaster. In fact I did commentary for Singapore television on the Asian final alongside Peter Watson and Mike Ferreira.

I was on when Kwok made that break of 72 and I am glad I foresaw the big break after a quick look at the balls spread round the table and said so to my fellow commentator very early during the break.

So you see there are many bows in my arsenal.



Sanjay Sawant. mistakes at the crucial stages blew his title chances

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India draw a blank

SW Correspondent

THE form book took a tumble in the Second Asian Snooker Championship played at the new premises of the Singapore Billiards and Snooker Association at the National Stadium, Kallang.

Only one of the top four seeds Sakchai Simgarm, the title holder from Thailand, made it to the semi-finals. Two Indians who were favourites to win the title, world amateur champion O.B. Agrawal and national champion Geet Sethi lost in the quarter-final stage and the title was claimed by the unlikely but likeable and portly Gary Kwok, of Hong Kong.

Kwok is hardly the type of players to set alight the snooker fans. In fact, he sent many away by his sticky play in the semi-final against Boteju, when he could have romped home easily.

But, Kwok proved what winning snooker is all about. He was second in his group struggling to beat his opponents because he did not have the shots to finish. But he did not give his opponents much legroom because he conceded the minimum negative points. Against such a safe and stodgy opponent, a player had to perform at an extraordinary level in order to win. O.B. Agrawal could not do this because of his lack of consistency nor could Sakchai in the final against Kwok because the fifth seeded manager of a Hong Kong club hardly gave him the chance.

This Asian championship was a different cup of tea compared to the First Asian in Bangkok. There the players were in a little careless mood and the one who took the ut-



Ah Khoon... registered the highest break of the championships

most care about his game, Sakchai Simgarm, of Thailand, won the title.

This Asian Championship was keener in the sense that there was little to choose between the top eight players. On their day, each one of them could be the champ.

The way Ah Khoon, the Singapore champion, played when he made the highest Asian break of



Wattana Pu-Ob-Orm... the 15-year-old made a triumphant entry into the quarter-finals

106, it was possible that he would take the title. The same applied to Sanjay Sawant's purple patch when he beat in successive matches, Latif Amir Bux of Pakistan and the reigning champion Sakchai Simgarm and followed by with a five zero trouncing of Geet Sethi.

Then there was Wattana Pu-Ob-Orm of Thailand. Fifteen-year-old Wattana came into the tournament only because the Thai player, fourth seeded Vichien Seanthong with drew after a head injury. Wattana topped his group with four wins and made a triumphant entry into the quarter-finals. But against the steady Henry Boteju, of Sri Lanka, he could make no headway and lost 2-5.

But in the end, experience and steady play gained the day. Winning snooker does not lay much store by frills. This was the harsh truth learnt by the brilliant players like Om Agrawal, Al Koon, and Wattana.

The final pitted the tournament's most consistent players, Gary Kwok, of Hong Kong, and Sakchai Simgarm. Kwok had beaten Om Agrawal in the quarters a repeat of



Geet Sethi... his eclipse was the sob story of the championships



The unlikely champ Gary Kwok... proved what winning snooker is all about

his league win in the world amateur championship Dublin. He had done well in the previous world championships also losing only to the eventual champion, Terry Parsons, and in recent months he had beaten Jimmy White in the Camus - sponsored Pro Am tournament in Hong Kong.

The final was a long drawn affair with hardly any enthralling fare. It was tough and gritty and denial of chances to the opponent the main theme. Sakchai leading four three had the match sewed up when he gave just that half chance for Kwok to squeeze in. Sensing victory Kwok took three frames in a row with a superb positional play including a break of 77 to move into the driver's seat. Then on the verge of his maiden title Kwok became tense and all his assurances went away. Sakchai claimed one frame but failed to get the ball to run in his favour and lost by five frames to eight in the best of 15 final.

The final put an end to the brinkmanship of Sakchai who had lost to Sanjay Sawant and almost did so again when the two met in the semi-finals. What a pity Sawant made just a couple of mistakes that turned the match against him, three for four. Sawant, with a balanced game of attack and defence, had raised visions of claiming the title when he chose to go for a break that would have given him the ninth frame and made him five four.

Sakchai capitalised on that missed shot and the advantage he got when Sanjay had an inoffensive and claimed the tenth frame as well. Sakchai did not do the running in this tournament but when he got the chance, he did well to squeeze the pressure knob.

The end story of the tournament

was the eclipse of Geet Sethi. A sound player like him had the potentials of a champion. But Sethi reserved his worst for the Asians. He went through the sort of bad patch that is the nightmare of every sportsman. The harder he tried the more he slumped into the dumps. He became despondent later and nobody could blame him for it. His rhythm had left him and he did not see to be striking the ball well.

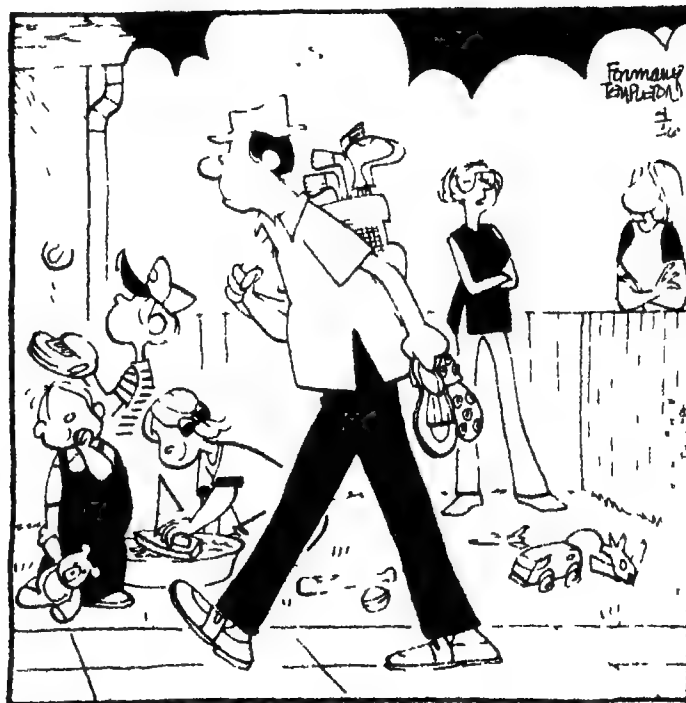
So India drew a blank at the Asians when there were three in the fray. The tournament has taught a lesson to the Indians to play the unglamorous type of game which is marked by short runs and importantly to shut out the opponent's chances of an extended tenure at the table.

RESULTS. FINAL Gary Kwok (Hong Kong) beat Sakchai Simgarm (Thailand) 73-80, 37-63, 65-50, 77-38, 71-26, 45-68, 28-64, 61-58, 61-23, 105-70-34, 32-75 and 48-37.

SEMI-FINALS Sakchai Simgarm beat Sanjay Sawant (India) 44-57, 66-32, 7-79, 64-59, 57-43, 75-19, 63-74, 67-29, 75-47 and 71-30. Gary Kwok beat Henry Boteju (Sri Lanka) 56-46, 65-18, 72-45, 78-28, 54-66, 69-38 and 83-31.

QUARTER-FINALS Sakchai beat Lim Koon Guan (Singapore) 64-14, 79-19, 62-46, 78-7, 86-25. Kwok beat Om Agrawal 100-1, 103-10, 54-59, 6-93, 70-17, 63-42, 30-63 and 51-28. Sanjay Sawant beat Geet Sethi 75-33, 82-31, 57-53, 90-7, 55-47. Boteju beat Wattana Pu Oborn (Thailand) 59-39, 40-77, 66-18, 49-27, 50-77, 61-52 and 52-46.

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FRED AND I HAVE AN AGREEMENT. HE CAN PLAY GOLF ONCE A WEEK JUST AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT HIS SCORE IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN.

Palmer shows Connors the way to go home

By Ian Barnes



JIMMY CONNORS walked out of Queen's Club last week - defeated, dejected and casting doubts on a possible return to play at Wimbledon.

A devastating loss in the first round of the Stella Artois tennis

championships sent Connors running home to Florida to ponder his future.

He was beaten 7-5, 6-3 in 70 minutes by qualifier Mike De Palmer, who is ranked only 87th in the world.

World No. 3 Connors, twice Wimbledon champion and five

Mike's a tennis knock-out

YESTERDAY he was unknown. Today Tennessee tennis ace Mike de Palmer is the game's big hit name. And clearly his pretty young wife Valissa thinks he is a knock-out.

It took 23-year-old Mike just one hour 10 minutes to pound the great Jimmy Connors to a 7-5, 6-3 defeat in the Stella Artois tournament - the Wimbledon warm-up - at the Queen's Club in London.

As Mike is listed 87th in the world tennis rating and Jimbo is

No. 3 onlookers could be forgiven their astonishment at the result although Mike said mildly:

"I don't think there's that much difference between the top players and those in the other ranks. But it is my biggest win."

Now the big man from Tennessee hopes to waltz to a few more stunning successes in the coming weeks. As he hugged proud Valissa he said: "I've just been told I'm in the main draw at Wimbledon. What a marvellous day it's been for me. Terrific."



Jimmy Connors... a devastating defeat sent him running home

times winner of the U.S. Open, then admitted: "If I go home it may be difficult to come back." He added that he would leave a couple of suitcases in London - "I'll have to come back for my clothes."

But multi-millionaire Connors, now 32, and with an amazing career record of 105 tournament victories in the last 13 years, is obviously thinking it is time to step off the tennis roundabout.

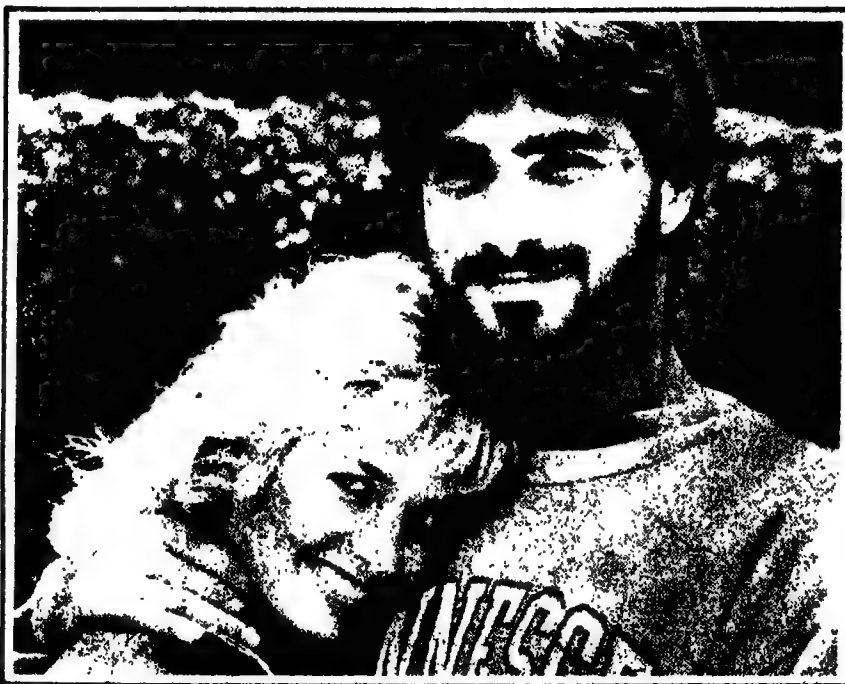
He has not won a Grand Prix event since last October. He has always said there is only one place to be - at the top. And he knows he is unlikely again to beat either John McEnroe or Ivan Lendl, the two men ranked above him.

Connors excused his defeat by De Palmer, a big serving left-hander from Tennessee, by saying: "I was still at the French Open in Paris. I had not had time to adjust from clay courts to grass."

But the truth is that Connors, once the most feared man in tennis and a winner at Queen's Club as long ago as 1972, looked out of touch and out of enthusiasm.

Connors said: "I feel I should go home for a while play a little golf, and lie on a beach. The alternative is practising. But that can get awfully boring. I have to do what is best for my sanity."

Connors' defeat in a tournament he won two years ago and was favourite to take again threw the chase for the £25,000 title wide open.



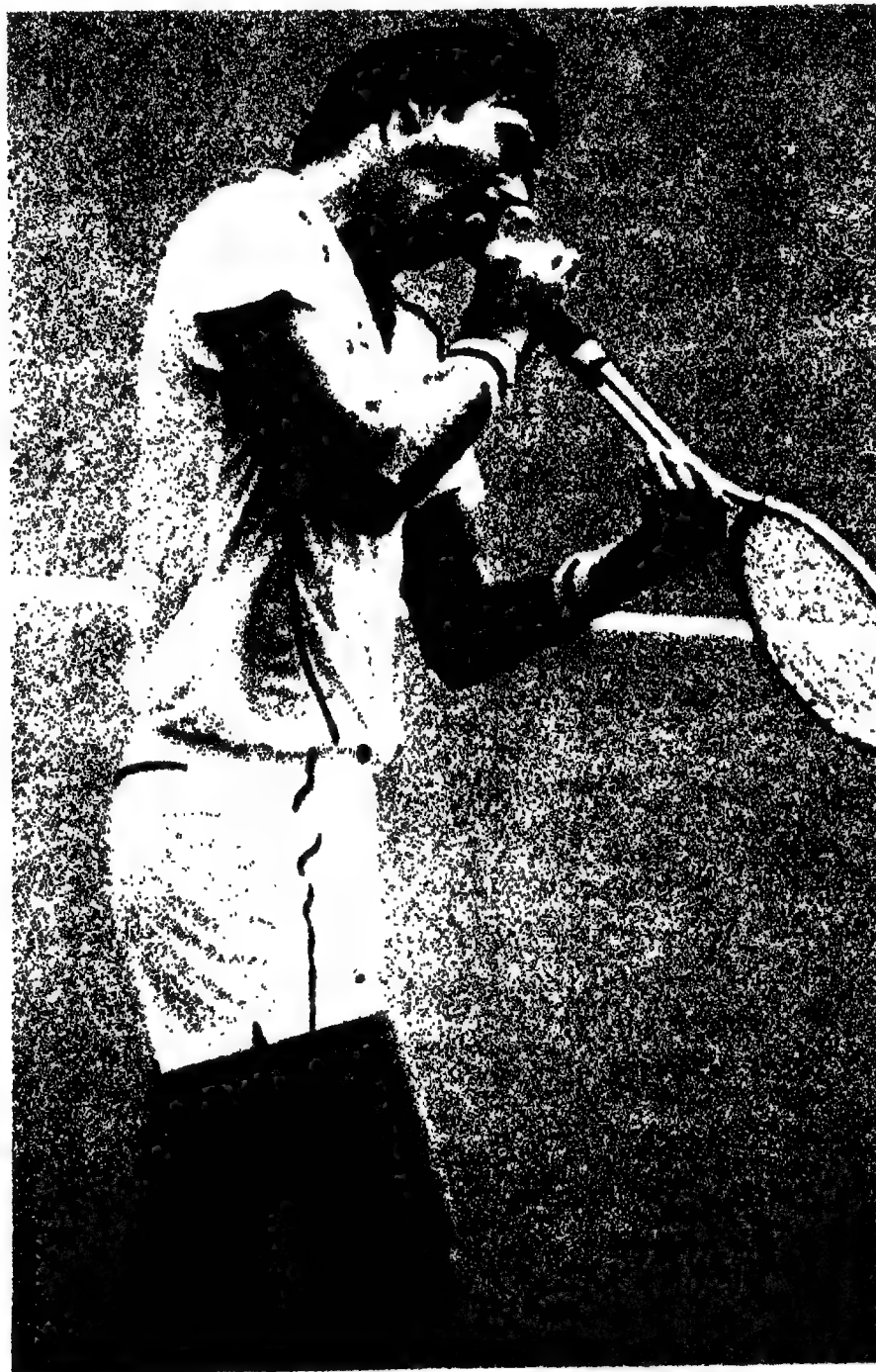
What a team... tennis ace Mike and wife Valissa

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BLOOD, SWEAT & FEARS

By Kim Cunningham



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Every player has bouts with doubts

YANNICK Noah was doing just fine. He led Ivan Lendl 7-6, 6-2, 5-2 and had two match points in their quarter-final match at the French Open in 1983, when suddenly as Noah tells it, he lost control of his concentration, his serve and the set.

You're always nervous on a match point at a big event and it can be good because it makes you concentrate more. Noah says now of the tournament he ultimately won.

But sometimes you think, I'm going to win. I'm going to win and you lose control because you start to think about winning but not about what you have to do to win the last point technically or tactically. You can lose two or three points because you're not concentrating. Then you start thinking, I should have done this or that, and you get nervous. But you fight it. At the French Open, I said okay he won the set. Now you have a battle so come back and play. And I fought a battle with myself and I came back and won the last set 6-0.

Noah's predicament was temporary but as unpleasantly familiar as a night-marish rush of déjà vu. Just six weeks earlier at Monte Carlo, Noah led Manuel Orantes 6-2, 5-3 and had a match point before he let that quarter-final slip away.

"I didn't play tough, I played relaxed and I lost the game," Noah recalls. "Then Orantes started to play better and I was still thinking about that match point I lost and I couldn't get it out of my mind. You start to get nervous and your body gets tight."

"Then the next week, I played Mats Wilander in the final at Lisbon. Again, I was up 6-2, 5-3, 15-40 and lost the match the same exact way. It was weird because I went to see an astrologer before the tournament in Monte Carlo and he told me, 'Yannick, I've never seen such a bad star in my life. You are going to have a terrible year.'"

Noah overcame that dismal prediction by winning the French, but he also conquered his own nervousness, or what many players call "choking." He practiced yoga and deep breathing ("though the nose," he advises) to relax his muscles. More importantly, he learned to accept stress as part of his profession and turn it to his advantage.

The better players get nervous,

may be more so," Noah explains. "It may be crazy, but it helps me play better. When I am tense, I play every point every ball, and concentrate on what I'm doing. 'Choking' isn't bad, it happens to everyone. You just have to learn to control it."

Choking is not an innate response to pressure, but it is natural to feel tension before, during or even after an event where the outcome is uncertain. Some players, in fact, rely on stress as an energy resource. "If I'm not nervous before a match, I won't play as well, so I get nervous if I'm not nervous," says Stan Smith, explaining adrenalin can be turned to power. "You should feel keyed up or you won't be able to fight out there."

All players experience nerves at different times and occasions. Only their reactions vary. Johan



"I once lost 10 match points," says Vitas Gerulaitis. "I don't even remember, it was so bad"

Kriek rushes and says he plays Russian roulette" by taking chances Bjorn Borg becomes tentative and pushes the ball back Ilie Nastase jabbars and frets, John McEnroe grabs his throat and tells the world he's choking

"We're only human and we're out there playing in front of thousands of people," says Pam Shriver "It's tension Anyone who says they've never choked is lying because everyone has matches when they get uptight and lose because they're nervous"

"Some players try to hide it and that's when they get in the most trouble," adds Arthur Ashe, whose own reaction to stress resembled what psychologists call the "fight or flight" syndrome "In my case, when I got nervous and started to choke, my feet wouldn't move and I had trouble taking big breaths

I've had doctors tell me that's a typical physiological reaction to fear, it happens to everybody - not just in sports, but in life"

To illustrate the universality of nerves, Ashe rapidly cites 11 instances of choking he's witnessed over the past two decades as a player and observer An interesting choke was Tanner's last backhand in the final at Wimbledon in '79 Ashe begins

Borg was also choking, and admitted after the match he was nervous as hell Borg was known for a very fluid forehand, and in

that last game, his forehand looked very wooden. They played the match point from the baseline, and when Roscoe hit his last backhand, he hit it out about five yards Never forget it"

Neither will Borg, who calls that match his greatest choke, despite the triumph "I was scared to hit the ball," Borg says now "There's really nothing you can do when you start to get that feeling so you just push the ball back, hoping the other guy is going to miss it"

All superior athletes have had bouts with doubts, ranging from "deep chokes", when their body feels like it is encased in cement, to temporary chokes, when they lose their concentration, double-fault, and essentially blow a big lead that they may or may not regain

Given that all pros possess similar ammunition - solid strokes, stamina and strategy - what distinguishes them is mental toughness, the ability to execute on pressure points and to close out a match with assurance This psychological strength they say makes it interesting

If that element wasn't involved,



Pam Shriver..."We're only human and we're out there playing in front of thousands of people. It's tension"



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there wouldn't be a competition because everyone can hit the ball," says Susan Mascarini, who lately has been buoying up her mental and physical strength by practising six hours a day. "The top players are confident they'll win the big point. Other players, myself included, aren't real sure. If you have a little doubt you get uptight. But it makes it that much better if you win or that much harder to lose."

"Nobody is superman," says Australian tour veteran Warren Jac-

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ques, who has coached three of the world's top 20 players. "Everyone has their tentative moments. But that makes it exciting too. MaEnroe and Connors are unbelievably mentally tough. They have to lose a point - it's like being cheated or robbed."

Lennart Bergelin, Borg's travelling coach throughout his illustrious career, agrees: "I think the real champions like Bjorn or Connors or McEnroe, they hate to lose more than the others. Bjorn even hates losing at cards."

Champions rarely let up, but when they do, they revive quickly and come back relentlessly. Jimmy Connors was beating Sammy Giammalva at a recent pro tournament with the greatest of ease, but let up at 5-0 in the second set - just long enough for Giammalva to take three games before Connors closed it out.

"I felt a little bit asleep out there," Connors said. "Things like that happen. Then he wins a few games and starts getting a little confidence. But I shut him down. Even if he'd won the next game for 5-4, that's still a long way to go for him. I'm in a 100 yard dash, and he's in a marathon."

This self-assurance bordering on the arrogant separates great players from the merely good.

"Everyone chokes," says six-time Wimbledon champion Billie Jean King. "Champions just choke a little less."

When Warren Jacques signed on to coach Kevin Curren, Steve Denton and, briefly, Bill Scanlon, he worked far less on strengthening their strokes than on developing their athletic egos.

"They had to believe they were Top Ten Material," says Jacques, whose psychological pushing paid off.

"It used to be that Jimmy Connors and all the top guys were on a pedestal," says Curren, who beat Connors in 1983 en route to his semifinal berth at Wimbledon. "Now I give myself a good shot to beat them. Mental attitudes is 70 per cent of the game at this level because everyone is talented, trains hard, and wants to win. So it comes down to pressure points."

A travelling coach can bolster faltering egos; more and more players are investing a percentage of their earnings in confidence builders. But playing a lot of matches teaches toughness, too, provided a player isn't losing in the first round week after week.

"The most nervous I ever was, the most ready to choke but I didn't was against Noah year before last at the U.S. Open in the quarters," says 19-year-old Jimmy Arias. "It was 6-5 in the fifth and he was serving at 15-40. I tried to swallow but it wouldn't go down. I was literally shaking. But last year, by the U.S. Open, I had played a hundred million matches in a row, so I was used to the pressure. I felt nervous, but I wasn't choking. The more matches you play and/or win, the less chance you'll choke."

Arias who maintains a healthy perspective about his occupation accepts the fact that he will have bad days or weeks and that a few losses won't end his career. "The best attitude for me when I play is, 'Sure I care, but if I lose, I'll play again next week,'" he says.

Generally, players choke when they are thinking about the past, the future, or the occasion itself, rather than on the task at hand. "Your brain is a computer and you must feed it the correct thinking," says Billie Jean King. "If you're ready to serve, visualize yourself going through the serve and seeing the ball land where you want it. If you have one point left, hit that first shot correctly and give yourself a chance to win. But if you visualize yourself shaking hands, you've jumped to the fu-

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Players are easily distracted by a broad range of natural and unnatural conditions: wind, rain, a vociferous crowd, bad line calls, the antics of their opponent. But for less highly ranked players, the consequences of the outcome causes special pressure. "You can play great until the match point comes up, then your mind wanders," says Mel Purcell, ranked No. 25. "Because you think about the money and computer points, instead of how you're going to come in to put the ball away."

Adds newcomer Aaron Krickstein: "When I'm up 5-3 and have set points, I get uptight. Then I think, 'I'm losing it mentally. I'm letting the match slip away.' You try to block it out but the guys coming on and you get nervous."

Most players say it is easier to play down. When you have nothing to lose you, "come out failing," as Johan Kriek says vividly. The underdog's advantage can never be underestimated, as Kriek himself discovered in his quarterfinal match three years ago against Nduka Odizor on the grass at Newport.

"I was up a set and 5-2, serving for the match at 40-15," Kriek begins. "I was so relaxed I thought there's no way he can catch me now. The odds of someone hitting winners on match point are small but he did it and the rhythm completely changed around. He just started to hit these ridiculous shots, and people were clapping and I felt this unbelievable tension. Suddenly, everything fell on top of me and I lost 7-6 in the third set tiebreaker. It's a horrible feeling when you have four match points and lose."

"You want to talk about choking!" says Pam Shriver. "I had Sue Barker a set and 5-2 at Wimbledon the first year I played. This was as a 15-year-old when Sue Barker was the darling of Great Britain. When Sue started rolling with that forehand, the crowd got behind her and I ended up losing 8-6 in the third. My God, that was one of the worst feelings I've ever had. I just wanted to crawl under the court and die."

Shriver, now 22, says she has learned from these matches that you don't base your personal worth on the results of a competition. "You choke less as you get older because you realize it's just a tennis match. Obviously it's important to you, but in the total aspect of life, it's absolutely a grain of sand. Also, once you've won a couple of close three-setters, you find yourself at

4-all in the third and instead of thinking, 'I know I'm going to lose,' you know you're going to win it."

Vitas Gerulaitis, who once had 10 match points against Rod Laver and lost ("I don't even remember it was so bad," he says), finds a direct correlation between his confidence in closing out a match and the amount he practices. The harder you work, the more you feel you deserve to win.

Still, mental preparation seems to be the greatest denominator. Billie

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Jean King, at her peak, imagined matches ahead of time of time and pictured herself reacting to stress successfully.

When I practiced, I'd fantasize that I was playing at Wimbledon under a pressure situation. King says describing her mental rehearsals. I'd visualize the surroundings - the wind, the sun, the grass, the crowds. I'd think how I'd cope with a lob or bad line calls and picture myself winning in spite of them. I'd visualize pressure points and have fun with my opponents in practice. We'd say, "Okay, match point, everything is a match point." That made practice more fun for me and it helped prepare me for the real situation. I'd already lived it in my mind a hundred times before I arrived."

All players agree that the sooner you acknowledge your fears the quicker you'll overcome them. "The minute you feel yourself tightening up and praying that the other person will double fault, recognize it for what it is," says Billie Jean King. "Make sure you are breathing in and out and say to yourself, 'Okay, I'm really choking nicely here.' By admitting the problem, you help to get rid of it. Then try to make a total commitment to every shot. Never hesitate. It may be the wrong shot, but it's better to believe in it and keep the ball in until you get rid of that feeling."

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Avoiding the apple can be as easy as pie!

Be Cool on Court

By Dr. Jim Loehr

YOUR muscles are braced, stomach is churning and adrenalin pumping. You are mobilized for life-or-death struggle. But the con-

frontation is hardly life or death, it is simply a third-set tie-breaker you don't want to lose. Clutching (or that dreaded word choking) is out of the question. What is needed now is calmness and looseness.

Choking is nothing more than letting your body do the right thing at the wrong time. Your biological alarm, which serves to perpetuate life, has gone off. You perceive the situation as life-threatening, but, in reality, the only stakes in the match are pride, prestige and sometimes money.

As to the question of who chokes, the answer is everyone — from the best to the worst. At the highest levels of the game, chok-

ing can be seen as John McEnroe grabs his throat and drops to his knee after dumping an easy break point into the net, as Borg loses to another inferior player at the U.S. Open, as Lendl lets another Grand Slam event slip away from his certain grasp, and as Gerulaitis, in a losing effort, becomes pale in the presence of a 15-year-old newcomer and struggles unsuccessfully to get the crazy ball in the service box.

It's actually a very costly mistake to believe good competitors never choke. If that's the rule of thumb you're using to define your own success as a competitor, you're likely to always be dissa-



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Choking takes a variety of intriguing and perplexing forms. A full-scale alarm can produce considerable confusion, steeled muscles, poor balance, negative thinking and body shakes. In another context, rubbery knees, short, tentative strokes and shallow irregular breathing may be the pattern. "Subtle" choking often takes the form of trying too hard on big points or rushing and forcing the point.

It's interesting to note how players react to "mistakes" versus choking. To miss a forehand is one thing, but to choke a forehand, well, that's another matter. For whatever reason, choking a shot seems to be much more personal, and if you ever get labelled a "choker," things can get very rough.

A good example is Dennis Van der Meer, who at one time was a promising South African junior. In a critical Davis Cup match, Van der Meer squandered several match points and, after losing, became labelled as a choker by his peers. Unaware of how to deal with such a dilemma, Dennis began to repeatedly fold in tight situations until he had to end his career as a player at age 20.

Unfortunately there was no ef-



Choking takes a variety of intriguing and perplexing forms... Here an emotional Chris Lloyd brushes aside a tear as she faces defeat against Kathy Jordan at Wimbledon in 1983

fective remedy for Dennis' problem at that time, but he was able to launch a career in teaching and coaching! For all too many players, however, problems with choking spell the end.

Today things are different. There are many strategies for controlling choking that have proved very useful to players. Here are my top ten:

*** Don't set out *not* to choke.**

The more obsessed you are about not choking the worse things usually get. Develop the attitude that if you choke, you choke and that you simply move on. Always set goals to do something positive in your match like staying enthusiastic, giving 100 per cent on every point and being aggressive. Never strive not to achieve anything.

*** Play every point as though it were the most important one of the match.**

If every point is of the same importance, there should be no such thing as "big points." Every point should get maximum effort, and every point is a pressure point. Soon you will start handling the pressure point. There's no better model than Connors for this strategy.

*** The tougher the situation, the more you should love it.**

Pressure is what triggers choking. Getting inspired when your back is against the wall is what transforms that pressure into productive energy. Few people could do this better than Billie Jean King. If you've loving it, choking is out of the question.

*** When in doubt, go for it!**

Rod Laver was a master. When things got tight, you could count on him to go for it. When things get shaky, it's better to be aggressive than safe. If you hit with topspin, all the better.

*** Improve your strokes that fold under pressure.**

If your serve is the first thing to go, modify your technique and increase your margin for error. If the same stroke always goes south, it's more likely that the stroke needs fixing, not your head.

*** Focus on each point, one at a time.**

Borg, the iron man of tennis, considered this the absolute key to his success. He worked hard to play each point as though it were his first and last. There was no



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past or future, there was only the present.

*** Set a simple game plan with clear option and stick to it.**

When Arthur Ashe stepped onto a court, he nearly always had a game plan and felt mentally prepared. There is no substitute for doing your homework before you play. It's amazing how that helps to take the pressure off.

*** Get a good workout in, just before your match.**

A good sweat will help to break down muscle tension. Consider a short run to get that calm and loose feeling. If you're still feeling tight, nail the first few balls to break the tension.

*** Take plenty of time doing everything, particularly your rituals.**

Invariably, players start speeding up as the pressure mounts. Make every effort to resist the urge to rush. Imagine yourself in slow motion between points.

*** Above all make up your mind to have fun!**

This simple attitude can make all the difference. Try it



Kids Clutch Too!

Take a cue from Arias, Krickstein, Bassett and Casale. Overcome your fear of failure

By Nick Bollettieri

EVERY youngster has his or her own method of dealing with the fear of choking. Jimmy Arias focuses on nothing else but the match. Whether he is playing or sitting at a changeover, Arias concentrates entirely on what it will take to beat his opponent. This method relaxes him, because he wants no intrusions during play.

Pam Casale is just the opposite. When she is nervous or uptight, Pam thinks of her favourite song. It is her way of relieving the pressure.

Carling Bassett takes an altogether different approach. She feels she plays her best tennis when her mind is totally blank. Carling prefers not thinking about what she is doing. As Bassett over-thinks her strokes, she increases the pressure on herself. Aaron Krickstein fights nerves by carrying on a running conversation with himself.

Arias, Krickstein, Bassett and Casale are young professionals who have discovered different ways to cope with the fear of choking. For juniors with less experience, I've got some tips to help them overcome the battle of the nerves.

- * Think positively at all times – prior, during, and after a match. Don't dwell on your mistakes and don't fear your weaknesses. Accept the fact that mistakes are inevitable. Understand that and try to correct some of your flaws. Then you can turn negative into positive. The same theory holds true for the way you view your opponent. Don't fear his strengths; exploit his or her weaknesses.

- * Don't mistake excitement or butterflies for fear. Everyone gets nervous. Meet your challenge and use your adrenalin in a positive way. Relax and breathe deeply. This is extremely important in times of stress. Short, irregular breathing increases tension. Relax, slow down, clear your mind, calm your body and concentrate on the job at hand.

- * Imagine the worst that can happen to you, which is that you'll lose. If you think about it, it's not that bad. Arias often imagines a

defeat before he walks on court and, as a result, plays much looser.

- * Keep your feet moving and hit out. When it gets tight, the first thing that seems to happen is your feet stop moving. You begin shortening your strokes and pushing the ball. Force yourself to keep moving when you are pushing the ball. Force yourself to keep moving when you are nervous and exaggerate your follow-throughs. Even if you make errors, at least you will do so playing your own game, going for your shots. Put more spin on

your serve, more topspin on your forehand and finish your strokes. This should help you past the pressure points.

- * Work extra hard in practice. Get your strokes down cold so that when you are in a match, you've got less to worry about.

With confidence, hard work and a positive attitude, you can overcome choking. But when choking does get the best of you once in a while, remember that misery loves company; you're not the only person out there who is nervous.



Arias allows no intrusions, but welcomes a helping hand from Nick

How the tennis wags made their mark in gay Paris...

Famous last words of the court jesters

Peter Blackman listens in on the playful wise-cracks

DO walls have ears? They'd probably laugh themselves silly at the odd things the millionaires and the also rans say at tennis tournaments

It was a good week for the collector of one or ten liners at the French championships at the Roland Garros—and much of the dialogue has emerged in a stuffy room in the basement of the centre court

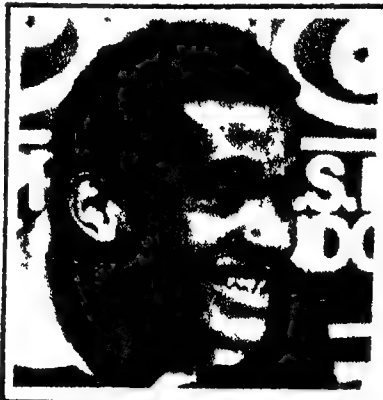
In soccer they still mention that sick parrot in tennis the familiar phrase particularly from JIMMY CONNORS is I'm in shape and hitting the balls firm and solid

So here's a sample of what was said and by whom starting with this question to Connors—What were you wearing on your arm?

I was wearing a sock I don't like my arm to get cold as it would get stiff so when the weather changes I wear a sock If I could get one on my neck then I would wear one



Carling Bassett...loves Paris though the language is foreign to her



Yannick Noah said he would take the match and did

there too

MILOSLAV MECIR—What kind of player bothers you most? One that beats me

YANNICK NOAH—In your match with Libor Pimek you spoke with him several times Why I told him he wasn't being a sportsman When I gave him points he took them and then when they were for me he acted as a referee I said You can't take all of them—if you do I shall take the match And I did

HANA MANDLIKOVÁ (who fell and covered herself in red clay dust)—Who does your laundry? I will not have the patience to wash these clothes after today as it will take about two hours so I shall just throw them out

MECIR again—Has your daily life changed? Yes people are disturbing me more

ROBERT SAAD—Did you get a diploma in economics? No I have another 30 credit hours at high school but at 23 I feel that I am going to play professional tennis instead It's easier

BORIS BECKER—What are your weaknesses? When the ball goes over you? It is hard for me when the ball goes over my head as I am not used to it

JOHN McENROE—you are playing tomorrow? So I hear I don't understand it, if you ask them (officials) something they don't do anything



Martina Navratilova with her dog KD—short for Killer Dog

about it

CARLING BASSETT—Do you like the French championships? I love Paris and I would like to do well here but the language is foreign to me which is not the case for Wimbledon and Flushing Meadow Did you get flu here? I think so

ANDRES GOMEZ How do you feel about your draw? I haven't seen it and I don't want to know

McENROE again—How long were you disappointed at losing here last year? About a week People always ask me about it though They want to know about the negative things

CONNORS again—What did Blaine Willenborg ask you when you missed the forehand in the first match point? He asked me if I was choking I said anything was possible The day I do that is the day I am gone

MARTINA NAVRATILOVÁ—When you are in France did you visit the galleries or museums? So far I have been to Versailles and we got there late so we just walked around with my fox terrier named KD who is getting into shape

We walked for miles and she wasn't up to it I went sightseeing in Old Paris in the car and visited the market I love it here—it is a beautiful city

Say no more



PREVIEW

Major upsets predicted

Who will win Wimbledon?

By Paul Fein



Stefan Edberg primed to knock off the big names at big tournaments

WILL John McEnroe, a consummate grass court performer at the peak of his storied career, overpower and outfinesse the field for his fourth Wimbledon crown in five years? Or will Lendl, Connors or one of the new wave of talented serve and volleyers defy the odds and dethrone the controversial king?

Will Martina Navratilova take another major stride toward tennis immortality by crushing all comers en route to her sixth title? Or are losses to Helena Sukova in the 1984 Australian Open semis to Hana Mandlikova and to Chris Evert Lloyd in the recent French Open indications that her reign is seriously threatened?

And which teams will contend and prevail in the three doubles events so often overshadowed by singles drama, yet high calibre entertainment in their own right?

Since you're all so cocksure that Johnny Mac, the guy you love-hate (pick one) is a cinch to repeat as champ, I'll tell you straightaway why you're wrong.

A) John Boy is madly in love with actress Tatum O'Neal whose many charms have apparently distracted him.

B) He's lost some of that edge

over his competition as evidenced by straight set defeats to Henrik Sundstrom (Davis Cup Final), Joakim Nystrom (WCT Finals) and Ivan Lendl (Tournament of Champions) plus a tight 6-7, 7-6, 6-3 loss again to Lendl (World Team Cup), and to Mats Wilander (French Open).

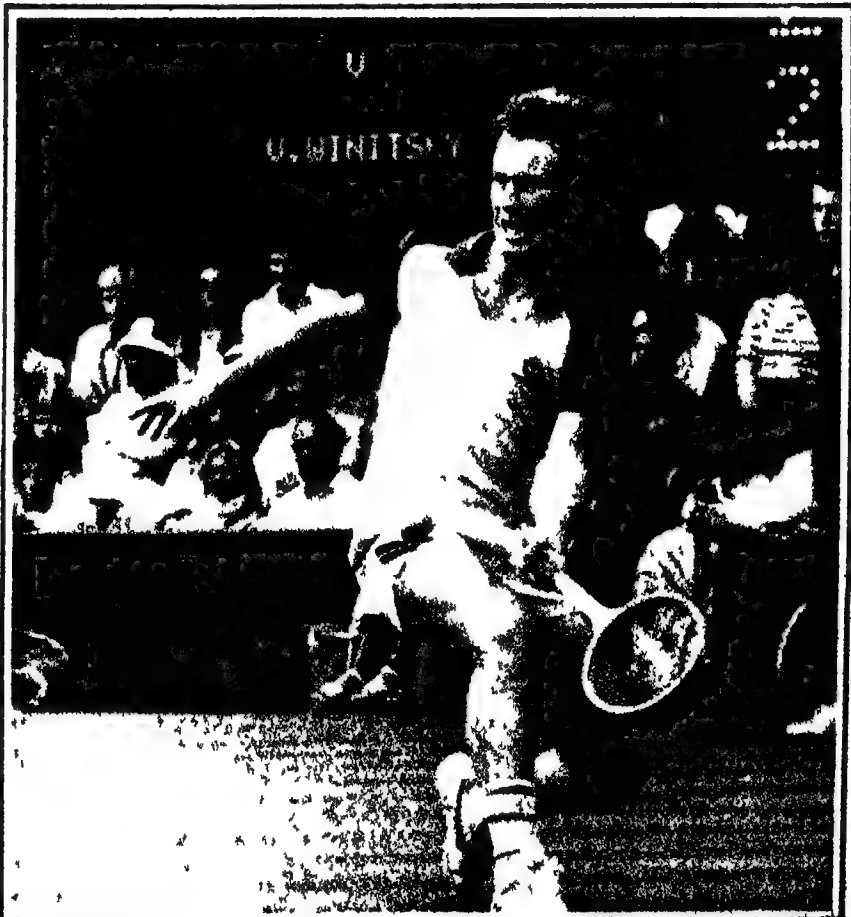
C) For the first time in 15 years when tennis boasted Laver, Newcombe, Roche, Smith and Ashe, a contingent of bonafide grass court standouts pose a real challenge to a grass champion of McEnroe's stature.

This Gang of Six consists of Stefan Edberg, Pat Cash, Scott Davis, Tim Mayotte, Kevin Curren and the baby (17) Boris Becker.

My pick is Edberg. The pleasant, ruggedly built 6'2", 165-pound son of a Swedish police inspector has already — he's only 19 — decisively beaten Lendl, Connors, Wilander, Jarryd, Noah, Curren, Nystrom, Sundstrom and Kriek with an awesome cannonball serve and relentlessly attacking style so effective on grass.

He has tremendous potential, says his coach Tony Pickard, Britain's former Davis Cup captain. Of all the youngsters looking for their big chance, Edberg looks very likely to be the one, predicts five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg.

Even Mac concedes this whiz kid is destined for a major breakth



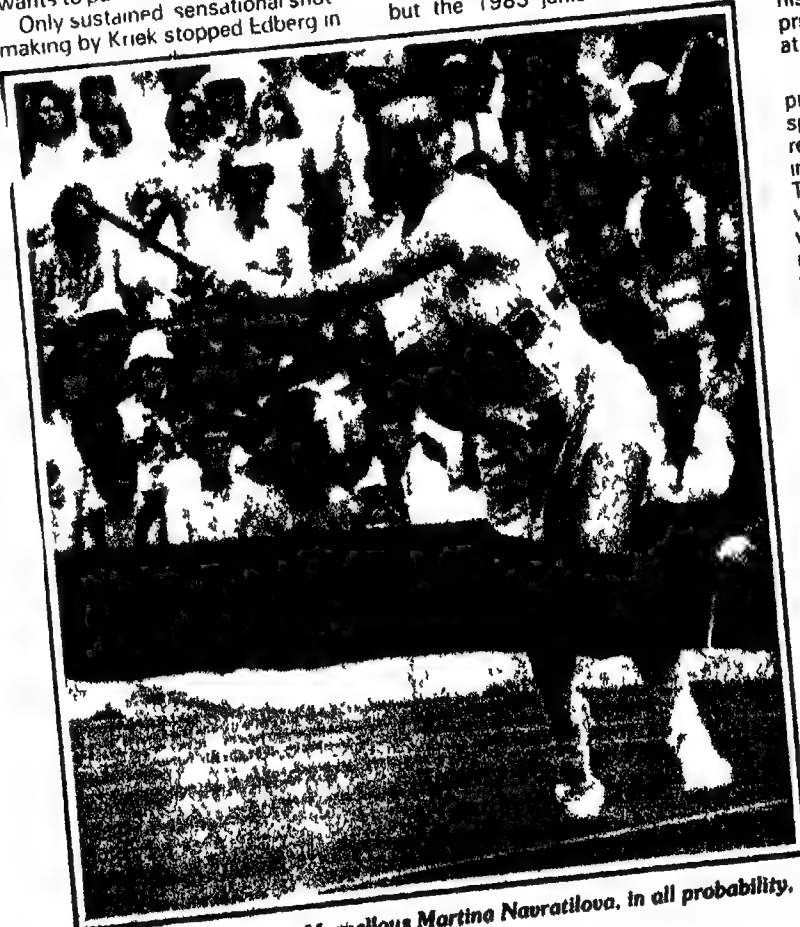
John McEnroe...the controversial King of Wimbledon—will he or won't he reign supreme?



Graceful and ultra-talented but enigmatic Hana Mandlikova can she topple Navratilova?

rough soon. Edberg has got every thing going for him. He's a big strong kid, serves well and always wants to put the pressure on you. Only sustained sensational shot making by Kriek stopped Edberg in

five sets at the 1984 Wimbledon in probably the best match of the fort night. Stefan appeared extremely nervous in his disappointing rout by McEnroe at the 1984 U.S. Open but the 1983 junior Grand Slam



The "Bionic woman" ...Marvellous Martina Navratilova, in all probability, will conquer the two-week contest



Helena Sukova packs the heavy serve-and-volley artillery to upset Martina

winner has matured considerably in his second year as a pro. Edberg is primed to knock off the big names at the big tournaments now.

Despite a special diet and fitness programme that has improved his speed, agility and stamina and a renewed determination (he's wearing his 'No More Mr Nice Guy' T-shirt again), Lendl hasn't convinced me that he knows how to win on grass. Only if he comes to net behind his powerful serves and forehands will he have a chance to beat McEnroe or the Gang of Six.

If Marvellous Martina conquers the two-week 128 woman draw - and I fearlessly forecast she will - her sixth singles title will match Suzanne Lenglen and Billie Jean King, whom she has reportedly said she wants to surpass. Another championship would also put the muscular ex-Czech within striking distance of Dorothea Douglas, Lambert Chambers (7) and all-time leader Helen Wills Moody (8).

The bionic woman finally made a concession to physical imperfection or age (she's still only 28) when she began wearing eyeglasses this spring. The good news for opponents was her four unexpected losses; the bad news is that after glasses she did not drop a set until the French Open final.

To assess the most dominant player on the women's tour and perhaps the greatest in history is to give her high or even perfect marks.

WIMBLEDON PREVIEW

in virtually every department Navratilova plays punishing serve-and-volley tennis and possesses exceptional reflexes, speed, agility, racquet touch and endurance. Her vastly improved backhand, which let her down a bit against Sukova, remains her only occasional, slight weakness. Even her once volatile temperament has been harnessed, and she recently confided, "This is the happiest time of my life."

It won't be a happy time at the 108th edition of "The Championships" - Wimbledon's official name - for Martina's rivals, only two of whom have even a fair prospect of deposing her.

Graceful and ultra talented but enigmatic Hana Mandlikova talks a great game of tennis. She proclaims, partly out of frustration, "I can beat anyone" and "I should be the next No. 1 player", but nerves and moodiness often do her in, particularly in high-pressure Grand Slam events. The latest example was her abysmal collapse against Chris Evert-Lloyd in last summer's Wimbledon semis. Still only 23, Hana's sole major titles came way back in 1980 at the Australian Open and in 1981 at the French.

It's not too late for the guileless, attractive Czech, who owns five victories over Navratilova, to get it all together. Hana recently opened a Chinese fortune cookie that contained the message, "Keeping your irritation under control will be smart." She kept the note. But will she heed the advice?

Yet another attacking Czech, Helena Sukova, packs the heavy serve and volley artillery to upset Martina.



Manuela Maleeva...only 18 and already No. 4 in the world

as she did in her Australian shocker back in December. The 1-6, 6-3, 7-5 decision that stopped Navratilova's historic winning streak at 74 as well as her bid for a bonafide Grand Slam was no fluke. Helena displayed courage and tenacity when the going got tough. Whether the 20-year-old daughter of the late 1962 Wimbledon finalist Vera can reproduce that dazzling form is doubtful.

Sorry, Chrissie fans, but despite her victory over Martina on the day courts of Paris I just can't see her many sterling qualities - backcourt brilliance, strategic acumen and superb match-play assets of concentration, poise and resolve - offsetting her lack of serve, volley and overhead firepower so indispensable for grass success.

Look for teenage starlets Gabriela Sabatini (15) and Steffi Graf (16), despite their inexperience on grass, to reach the quarters and possibly the semis. Manuela Maleeva, already No. 4 in the world at age 18 thanks to her picture book, aggressive groundstrokes, and speedy, all-courter Zina Garrison, No. 7 and in top form of late, should also go far.

It's never any picnic to pick the doubles. I'll put my money on the steadily improving duo of Edberg (again!) and Jarryd, whose blistering return of serve is second only to Connors'. They've beaten four-time Wimby winners McEnroe and the sometimes shaky Peter Fleming the last two matches - in the Davis Cup Final and at the 1984 U.S. Opens - and are definitely ready for their first Grand Slam title.

I go out on another limb when I pick the "Twin Towers" for women's doubles honours: Sukova, 6' 1 1/2" and West Germany's Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, 6' 0 1/2" measure up in every way (except perhaps agility) to the tall task of toppling four-time queens Navratilova and Pam Shriver. They nearly pulled it off (6-7, 7-5, 7-6) at the 1985 Virginia Slims Championships and should end the American's astounding 27-month-long, 95-match victory string partly because the favourites recently weakened themselves by foolishly switching sides of the court.

As for mixed doubles, normally filled chiefly with untested combinations, I must stick with the always formidable Wendy Turnbull and John Lloyd for their third consecutive Big W crown.

Men's singles

THE FAVOURITES

Stefan Edberg (SWD)
John McEnroe (USA)
Ivan Lendl (CZK)
Pat Cash (AUS)
Scott Davis (USA)
Tim Mayotte (USA)
Jimmy Connors (USA)
Kevin Curren (SAF)
Mats Wilander (SWD)
Boris Becker (GER)

THE ODDS

2-1
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15-1
20-1

THE DOPE

Awesome serve enough talent to whip anyone
Ultimate grass court star with power and finesse
Serve and forehand bullets won't be enough on grass
1984 semifinalist, bold aggressor, backhand vulnerable
No question about his athleticism, only his tenacity
Always shines at Big W entering prime years. Big Game
Jimbo fading, but never count this fighter out
Explosive first serve makes him dangerous
Won Australian twice, but grass game still suspect
Only 17. Improving rapidly, can knock off seeds

Women's singles

Martina Navratilova (USA)
Hana Mandlikova (CZK)
Helene Sukova (CZK)
Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA)
Manuela Maleeva (BUL)
Zina Garrison (USA)
Pam Shriver (USA)
Kathy Jordan (USA)
Gabriela Sabatini (ARG)
Steffi Graf (GER)

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25-1

Heavy favourite, tremendous athlete with near-perfect game
Very unpredictable, can go as far as her head allows
Lots of power and shotmaking makes her a contender
Great champion, but lacks forecourt fire-power
Superb groundstroke technique, limited elsewhere
Nice all-court game, needs big weapon to threaten
Underschiever so far at Wimby despite serve-volley attack
Excellent athlete frustrated by defective strokes
Terrific darkhorse, only 16, delightful to watch
Another teen whiz, top-notch strokes and mobility, mentally strong

OTHER PREDICTIONS

Men's doubles - Edberg and Anders Jarryd
Women's doubles - Sukova and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch
Mixed doubles - Wendy Turnbull and John Lloyd

She's the one to watch



OSWALDO and Beatriz Sabatini of Buenos Aires, chose well when they named their second child – a girl – Gabriela Somehow, it fits perfectly with the joy and skill she has brought to the international tennis circuit, since her sensational debut in 1984

By the end of her third month, she had already competed around the world and she was only 14 years old. Happily, she has shown herself to be the perfect antidote for the dozens of striplings – mostly from the USA – who enter the circuit each year, showing little or no pleasure in playing our lovely game. In a short spell of years, most disappear either because injury has ended the action, or, through realisation that there are other things in life than hitting thousands of balls across a tennis net year after years.

In 1984, Gabriela became the youngest ever girl to reach the third round of the USA Open Championships. Before she became 15, she had reached 18th place in the Women's Tennis Association computer rankings. This followed her successes in winning the Italian and French Open juniors' championships, so achieving the number one position of the International Tennis Federation's world junior rankings for 1984.

Her ever-increasing number of "scalps" include Carling Bassett number (11 in the world) Zina Garrison (9th), Pam Shriver (8th) and Manuel Maleeva (4th). That, however, is not the reason why she has become one of the miniscule few players who brings her peers out of the changing rooms and into the stand when she is playing. John McEnroe is also one of the few but most of us feel it is not his tennis that brings his fellow competitors to the courtside!

Gabriela does it with impish skills, which include trick shots which she practises with impish joy. Her peak in that field so far, came on a break-point against Chris Evert Lloyd. Chasing back a ball, she slammed back a brilliant shot between her legs and with her back

to the net. Stunned at such imagination, Chris said later: "I've never seen a shot like that in my all life."

The shot is called "the Wheelie" and she went crazy for it after seeing her fellow countryman Guillermo Vilas pull it off. Her sense of humour is magnified by her innate charm, Latin beauty and her long-

legged athleticism. Her English may not be too fluent, but she is quickly acquiring phrases that bring laughs, the first was "c'mon buddy" for her unaggressive title with linesmen.

Her coach, former Chile Davis Cupper Patricio Apey, sums her up with "she plays a tough game in a feminineway."

A GREAT LOSS

B RITAIN lost one of its relatively recent tennis champions, with the death of Mike Sangster at the young age of 44.

Though he failed to win any of the "Grand Slam" singles, he reached the semi-finals of the French, Wimbledon and USA championships. His general results enabled him to reach tenth place in the world rankings.

His impressive Davis Cup record for Britain, in terms of winning, is only bettered by Fred Perry. No one has equalled his 65 appearances in 26 ties, spread over eight seasons. Even so, that is not the feature which still lives so clearly.

That goes to his service – erroneously measured and published by the London "Daily Express" newspaper at 154 miles per hour. Newtonian physics show that is, because of the law of gravity, impossible. Nevertheless, it was a formidable, match-winning weapon.

The most dramatic demonstration took place during the US Open in the days of Forest Hills. Sangster was thumping in cannonball after cannonball against Rod Laver – admittedly before Rod reached a level that to many critics made him the greatest player in the history of tennis.

Time and other factors make such an accolade a value judgement. Rod, on this day, discovered he could not handle Sangster's serving from the normal position on the baseline.

The International Tennis Federation rules about championship staging courts are explicit. The backstop must be a minimum of 21 feet. That is the position Rod adopted when receiving service against Sangster that day. At one end of the court Sangster, always a man of quiet but nevertheless imposing presence, could be seen preparing another thunderbolt.

Spectators looked to the baseline. Where is the opponent? Is Sangster practising during a short break? Only when their eyes took in the back stop, did they see Rod – the other contender!

I was so fascinated by Rod's retreat, that I have no recall of how Rod gained or suffered from receiving that far back. Never before or after did such a thing cross me again.

The pity is that measuring equipment in the years before the 1970s wasn't good enough to measure speeds precisely.

The best, I suppose, belonged to Clarence Jones and was put together by Larry Fulcher. Both were fully qualified electronics engineers, as well as top class coaches, and they knew what was required. Radar guns came on the market later. But even today, they lack the versatility and accuracy of that system.

Of necessity, maybe, it was more complicated, and needed greater skill to operate. But the answer, though taking 15 seconds longer to come through, was accurate to a ten-thousandth part of a second.

It would be more creditable, though less "ooh, oahing!" if that or similar hi-tech equipment could be used around fastest-service competitions around the world. 140 mph or thereabouts would top the shows. That doesn't sound as marvellous as 150 but it would bring forth facts instead of fiction.

I cannot end without recording the rapid progress of the young Czech Miroslav Mecir, in crushing Hendrick Sundstrum, Sweden, 6/4 6/1 6/4 in the final of the West German Open. Mecir's non-stop attacks were among the highlights of the 21 and under World Championships in January. Then little known, he has been escalating since then, and is a man to monitor in the coming months.

Soccer Associations on war-path



BOMBAY football again appears to be headed for the courts. Much of last season the Western India Football Association and the

Bombay District Football Association spent time, energy and money in litigation. Time, energy and money that could have been better utilised for the conduct and promotion of the game.

This year there was hope that the experiences of last year would make the two bodies realise the futility of squaring up to each other and make them take steps to meet half way. The WIFA signified their keenness to start a new chapter by allowing the BDFA the use of the Cooperage ground first for the Nadkarni Cup in March-April and later for BDFA competitions from May 23 to September end.

One other bone of contention also seemed to be on the way to resolution with the signing of an agreement on May 17 between the WIFA and the Bombay Referees Association of the one hand and the BDFA and the Bombay Football Referees Association on the other.

By that agreement the posting of referees for matches under the BDFA was to be done jointly by the secretaries of the BRA and the BFRA. In the event of a dispute it was to be referred to the Referees Board that will comprise the president and the secretary of the BRA, the president and the secretary of the BFRA and the chairman of the BDFA tournament committee.

It was also conceded in the agreement that the qualified referees belonging to the BFRA would be permitted to officiate in games outside Bombay and Maharashtra.

But by qualified referees it was meant those referees who had passed the BRA examinations. Of course only such qualified referees were deemed fit to supervise matches even under the BFRA. Those who had been certified by the BFRA were required to pass an examination to be held by the BRA in two months of the signing of the agreement.

This and the terms of settlement for the use of the Cooperage premises by the BDFA gave hope of better things. But the BDFA and the BFRA have not honoured the agree-

ment of May 17. Rather they have breached it, despite the WIFA pointing out that they are reneging the pact.

In the posting of referees for the BDFA knock-out tournaments and the Harwood League, the BDFA and the BFRA have not thought of consulting and obtaining the concurrence of the BRA secretary. That is, they have violated one of the principal terms of the agreement.

It is hard to escape the feeling that the violation is deliberate, to pick up a confrontation with the WIFA and the BRA. Because the BDFA and the BFRA are not unaware of the BRA members being needed by the ignoring of them despite the agreement.

The BRA members are forced in to idleness for the best part of the season. They are getting restive because the BFRA are getting away with the contempt they show for the very agreement their vice-president had signed on their behalf.

Here is the crux of the matter. The BFRA president Alex Vaz had resigned to safeguard his position with the AIFF, the AFC and the FIFA. One of the two vice-presidents, F. S. D. Costa, was not available on May 17. So the other vice-president, Mr. R. H. Shetty, himself a former referee, put his signature to the agreement. Mr. Kehar Singh, a vice-president of the BDFA, also had done likewise.

The BFRA, however, are said to claim that R. H. Shetty was not authorised to sign on their behalf. So they contend that they are not bound by it.

You begin to wonder. First, when did the BFRA lose confidence in R. H. Shetty? Second, was Kehar Singh sincere and convinced that the agreement would be put into practice? Or was the whole exercise gone through by the BDFA and the BFRA just to pull wool over the eyes of the WIFA and the BRA?

Because after having given the WIFA and the BRA to understand that they were interested in a compromise and settling of issues, the BDFA and the BFRA have reverted to their old positions. And in the copy of a letter of show cause notice sent by the WIFA to the BDFA, Kehar Singh has noted that the BDFA do not recognise the BRA.

Then it may be asked why did they sign the May 17 agreement to which the BRA was a party? By signing the agreement, the BDFA and the BFRA have accepted the overall authority of the BRA in referring matters, as they had consented to have only BRA qualified referees for matches under their jurisdiction and also to have the BFRA referees unrecognised by the BRA sit for an examination of the BRA.

If the BDFA and the BRA felt they could have no truck with the BRA, then they should have made it clear right at the start and not partaken in the discussions that resulted in the signing of the May 17 agreement.

Now by signing the agreement and then violating it, the BDFA and the BFRA left themselves open to severe disciplinary action which could even lead to the dissolution of the district body.

The WIFA could repeal the entire or parts of the agreement, whereby they could reimpose the ban on the 25 referees who were previously members of the BRA and had subsequently worked in contravention of the BRA directives. Indeed the BRA had resolved last August to suspend them, but the WIFA perhaps delayed implementing the BRA resolution and then believed that in the new atmosphere of forgiveness these 25 could be shown clemency.

The WIFA could also rule that the matches supervised by unqualified referees are null and void. Of course the BDFA could hope that, as in the recent past, the WIFA would not be all that stern and let results of matches stand out of consideration to the teams and the players who had sweated it out.

All this, however, could have been avoided by the honouring of the pact. For the BDFA and the BFRA would not have lost anything by that. There is some fear that the BRA would victimise the BFRA referees. But that is clearly unfounded, as with the BFRA president and secretary, and BDFA tournament committee chairman they will have the edge over the BRA president and secretary in the five-man Referees Board that is the arbitrating authority to resolve disputes on posting.

The pendulum swings back depressingly



THE All-India Football Federation must be envious. For their policies and the implementation of them, successfully of course, they do not have to answer the millions of fans in the country who pay at the gates at the various tournaments and leagues and provide the funds.

Unlike their counterparts in cricket and hockey, they do not have to face the music when results are poor. For the fans have resigned themselves to the national team bringing poor results.

And the AIFF, in turn, do not pause to ask of the coach or coaches they appoint results that could improve the image of the country's football. The handing over of the preparations for next year's Seoul Olympic Games to Pradeep Kumar Banerjee is in line with this policy.

Further, the announcement to the press after the AIFF working committee's meeting at Bangalore last month stressed that Banerjee would be in sole charge of the planning, building up and selection of the team till the Asian Games.

The implication is that hitherto a national coach was not given a free hand, that there has been interference, perhaps by some officials of the AIFF, in his work with the team.

A senior official of the AIFF claimed to have had Banerjee clarify after the last Asian Games that none from the AIFF was guilty of such misdemeanour. There is no reason to disbelieve the senior AIFF official. However, from this arises a very pertinent point.

In the circumstances, why did India fail to go beyond the quarter finals of the New Delhi Asiad? What or who prevented Banerjee from delivering the goods? And that after being in charge for almost two years. And all through that period he had the best of the country's established and potential internationals.

Even the trouble and walk-out at the Salt Lake camp, the first of the series, could hardly be cited as a handicap to Banerjee's preparation of the team. In less than six months

whom Banerjee wanted were back in the fold.

Banerjee is reported to have himself appealed to the patriotic sentiments of the 'deserters' and to the sympathetic officials of the AIFF in the interests of fielding a strong national team.

Initially the results were encouraging, but the defeats in a tournament in North Korea and on the visit to the Soviet Union followed by two more defeats at the hands of the United Arab Emirates seniors, whom India had beaten barely a couple of months earlier in the Merdeka and juniors brought us back to where we more or less were at the start.

Draws with travel-weary China and South Korea and victory over a Yugoslav second division combination in the inaugural Jawaharlal Nehru International Gold Cup regained some reassurance.

But the pendulum swung back depressingly again. Worse, it was being said that some of the selec-

tions were against the norms of medical fitness. Even captaincy of the team raised controversies.

Consequently the performances of the team suffered, with only the luck of the draw in having to play in the same group as China, Malaysia and Bangladesh easing our entry into the last eight of the Asian Games at Delhi.

Banerjee, technical directors Deitmar Pfeifer and the late G M H Basha, assistant coaches S S Hakeem, who was persuaded to come back and Arun Ghosh all were shown the door after the Asiad.

In their place were brought in S A Salam, Arun Sinha and Naeemuddin for the second Nehru International at Cochin in March 1983.

Their term was cut short in June-July when the AIFF decided to opt out of the President Park Cup at Seoul. Salam had also made charges of indiscipline against a few players, notably Manoranjan Bhattacharya.

Then came the Yugoslav, Ciric Milovan, who was assisted by Bob Bootland, Santo Mitra and Amjad Khan. Again initial good results blinded us to the unworkability of Milovan's methods.

Indian club football and players are not so adept or well versed in technique and tactics that short camps could yield fruits. In a European country the national coach or manager needs the squad for only a few days to ascertain their fitness, physical and mental, as well as to go over with the players the tactical approach to a particular match.

That is because the level of the players is very high, and club coaches respond to the national coach's needs.

Thus Banerjee is right in affirming that Milovan did not fully understand Indian football and footballers, and that went against his succeeding in his assignment. By the same token Banerjee could be taken to be familiar with our football conditions.

Hence it is a surprise that he has taken the national coach's assign-



P.K. Banerjee...it is a surprise that he has taken this assign-

SOCCER TALK-IN

ment, despite the failures at the 1974 Asian Games at Teheran where we lost heavily to North Korea (0-3), China (0-7) and Iraq (1-3), and at the Delhi Asian Games three years ago under him

For Banerjee knows that the task is a demanding one, and a full-time one at that. This means that to do justice to himself and to the national team he would have to devote all his time and energies the next 15 months or so to the national team.

But will he be able to, in view of his contract with the East Bengal team? And the recent winners of the IX Federation Cup also will have to prepare to represent the country in the revived Asian Cup for champion clubs in August.

East Bengal are expected to qualify from the South Asia group that includes the champion clubs of hosts Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Maldives, and then play in the final rounds later in the year. Then East Bengal will have their other engagements, like the IFA Shield, the Durand Cup, the DCM till the end of this year.

If Banerjee stays with East Bengal he will have little time to work

on spotting players and training them for the national team. And the national team must be ready for the fifth Nehru International, which may be held at Trivandrum next January.

It must be remembered that while he was in charge of building the team for the New Delhi Asian Games, Banerjee was not under contract with any club.

He even had special leave from his office. So his loyalties and duties were not divided. Yet he could not make the team achieve a place beyond the quarter finals on home ground.

You wonder if the AIFF working committee in their collective wisdom weighed these factors before putting Banerjee solely in charge of preparing the national team for the Seoul Asian Games. Did they even think of asking Banerjee to quit his post with East Bengal and take on the national team full time?

Or is it possible that the AIFF working committee capitulated to accepting Banerjee's terms, which probably was keeping the East Bengal job while taking on the job

of national team coach? Certain developments make you feel so.

Banerjee wants to have three camps, one in the north, one in the south and one at Calcutta. He would consult with three AIFF officials to name the coaches for the camps in the north and the south. So it can be assumed that Banerjee would be more at Calcutta. You must hope that the plan works out well.

Banerjee has given out that he would recall Manoranjan Bhattacharya, Debashis Ray and Bhaskar Ganguly, who all have been kept out of the national team for nearly the last two years after the assault on referee J.P. Coutinho in a Rovers Cup semi-final. His reasoning he has not the time to groom players as good as the above three.

Banerjee's reasoning sort of meshes well with the AIFF's. That is just as he has not the time to spot new players and groom them for the immediate future. The AIFF has not the time to look for and find a man who can raise our stock in the 15 months before the Seoul Asian.

-Sharp Shooter

WORLD U-16 SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Argentina will vie for top honours

BACK in 1979, Diego Maradona lent a lot of glamour and prestige to the World Football Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Trophy with his highly technical and tactical proficiency while helping Argentina claim the trophy with a fine victory over the Soviet Union in the final at Tokyo. The previous year Argentina at last had justified their claim to being the finest producer of footballers by winning the FIFA World Cup at home.

Now, seven years later, Argentina will look forward to the first FIFA under-16 World Championship for the Kodak Trophy to emphasis that their system of grooming players is the best in the world. They are one of the 16 finalists who will vie for top honours from July 31 to August 11 at Beijing, Tianjin, Dalian and Shanghai in China.

One of the lads on whom Argentina will rely to burnish their image is a Maradona, the 15-year-old brother of Diego, Hugo (Huguito). Diego Maradona currently is rated the highest paid player in the world.

FIFA president Joao Havelange will be in Beijing for the opening ceremony that will be followed by the match between Bolivia and hosts China. Guinea and the United States are the other two in Group A.

The other groups are

Group B: Australia, Argentina, Congo and West Germany.

Group C: Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Italy and second qualifier from the Confederation of Central America.



and the Caribbean football association.

Group D: Qatar, Brazil, Hungary and CONCACAF qualifier 1.

The top two from each group will qualify for the quarter-finals.

THE FIXTURES July 31: China vs Bolivia, Guinea vs USA (Group A), Australia vs Argentina, Congo vs West Germany (B), Saudi Arabia vs CONCACAF 2, Nigeria vs Italy (C), Qatar vs Brazil, CONCACAF 1 vs Hungary (D).

August 2: China vs Guinea, Bolivia vs USA (A), Australia vs Congo, Argentina vs West Germany (B), Saudi Arabia vs Nigeria, CONCACAF 2 vs Italy (C), Qatar vs CONCACAF 1, Brazil vs Hungary (D).

August 4: China vs USA, Bolivia vs Guinea (A), Australia vs West Germany, Argentina vs Congo (B), Saudi Arabia vs Italy, CONCACAF 2 vs Nigeria (C), Qatar vs Hungary, Brazil vs CONCACAF 1.

Quarter-finals on August 7: Winners of Group A vs Runners-up of Group B (1), Winners of Group B vs Runners-up of Group A (2), Winners of Group C vs Runners-up of Group D (3), Winners of Group D vs Runners-up of Group C (4).

Semi-finals on August 9: Winners of (1) vs Winners of (2), Winners of (3) vs Winners of (4). Match for the third place and the final on August 11.

SW Correspondent



The TTFI, at the time of writing have not announced the manager ~~intention~~ to make the trip. Will

Manmeet played a brilliant, strategical game. Though seeded eleventh, he clearly outshone Ghorpade who appeared over-confident. His telling backhand strokes and clever varied serves often caught the Pune lad on the wrong foot. Ghorpade blundered time and again on his pet forehand conceding vital points at critical stages that saw Manmeet clinching the first two sets.

Manmeet had a tougher battle in the semifinal when he faced Rajit Kathuria who had earlier accounted for top seed Kamlesh Mehta over the decider. It was a see-saw battle with Kathuria giving all he had, rising to the occasion time and again from the brink of defeat. But all his guile could not overcome Manmeet in the decider which promised much but turned out to be an anticlimax. Manmeet forged ahead with a 9-3 lead, then seemed to have lost his rhythm while allowing Kathuria to crawl up gradually to 8-9. But thereafter, Manmeet ar-

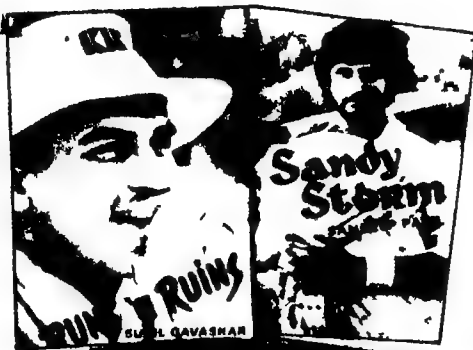
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rested his progress and playing an unruffled, allround game, claimed the right to play the final by clinch

ing the issue at 21-14

Sujay Ghorpade, had a comparatively easier time in making the final. His opponent, C Anand of Karnataka who downed S Sriram in the prequarters had no answers to the second seed's forehand spins. He played a tight game but could not halt Ghorpade from taking the first two games at 21-15, 21-9. Ghorpade, who shone for India at Gothenburg then opened up and seemed to produce his shots at will, living up to his high seeding. He played a fast attacking game giving Anand no chance of taking the match to the fourth game, winning in 21-16.

The women's section of the tournament proved once again that the gulf between supreme Indu Puri and the rest is wide. Seeded number one, she justified the honour by brushing aside the spirited fights put up first by Monalisa Barua and then Niyoti Roy in the final.

Niyoti Roy had her in a spot of bother in the first game. Her top spin and forehand shots seemed to unruffle the veteran of many national titles who normally plays a cool, steady game. But international Indu showed the class and calibre she is by levelling at 19 all and romping home.

Indu took the second game in her stride but was given a fright in the third when Niyoti had her trailing at 4-10. But experience prevailed and with fine backhand blocks and superb placings that often left her much younger opponent gaping, Indu rallied back into the game. The effect of losing the initiative showed on Niyoti and try as she might, she just could not produce that little extra and succumbed over extra points.

In the semifinal, Indu was given a jolt by Monalisa Barua of Assam who, though down by a game, recovered to level after taking the initial lead. But that was all the resistance she could put up. Indu controlled her game well while Monalisa's violent and rapid movements proved to be her undoing. She netted many a smash while Indu forged ahead with comfortable leads all through and coasted through the next two games and into the final.

Niyoti Roy, in the other semifinal, proved too hot for unseeded Suchitra Shirodkar of Maharashtra to handle. Suchitra played a tight



Indu Puri proved that the gulf between herself and the other players still exists

game but Niyoti, with flourishing, flashy strokeplay, took the lead in all three games and held onto it to triumph in straight games.

In the junior events, Assam had mixed fortunes. Tridip Duarah, who won the INTAB junior national title, got the better of Maharashtra's Mahendra Chiplunkar. After losing the first set at 17-21, he rallied well and exhibited consistency to win the next three games at 21-14, 21-17, 21-18.

Shilpa Takalkar salvaged some respect for home state Maharashtra in the junior events. She turned the tables on Assam's Papari Hazarika in the girls' section. Though a bit subdued in the initial stages of the contest, by Papari's effective topspin, Shilpa changed her pattern of play to an attacking one that proved fruitful and won the lone title for Maharashtra over five games at 21-18, 11-21, 21-12, 9-21, 21-18.

Among the sub-juniors, the player who stood out was Gujarat's Shyam Shah, who claimed the boys' title with a 21-14, 21-14, 16-21.

20-22, 21-14 victory over Tamil Nadu's impressive Chetan Baboor. He has the talent and potential and bears watching in the future.

There were some rumblings on the opening day of the tournament proper when five internationals were humbled and the upsets were accorded to sub-standard tables and heavy schedules. The players claimed that the tables had a slight slope which resulted in uneven bounce while mismanagement of organisation saw fixtures continuing till late at night.

One sensational upset followed another, notable of which were Rajat Kathuria toppling top seed Kamlesh Mehta, national runner-up V Chandramouli going down to Sunil Babra, eight seed Arun Jyoti Barua succumbing to T Ramkumar, S Sriram being scalped by C Anand, and after leading in the decider. In the women's section, national runner-up Vyoma Parikh was shut out by comparatively unknown Roshan Jam and sixth seeded Kashmiri Patel losing out to compatriot Manjiri Hardikar.

SW Correspondent

WEEKLY HISPERS

McEnroe finds his perfect match

JOHN McEnroe pulled out of the vital pre Wimbledon Stella Artois tournament in London to 'protect' his girlfriend Tatum O'Neal from publicity

"I won't set foot back in Britain until I have to because of harassment from the press. I don't want them upsetting Tatum," said the Wimbledon champion who snaps umpires like racket strings

The British press have however taken this 'boycott' understandingly. Their logic is simple. Ryan O'Neal's foul tempered daughter is a match for anyone, even McEnroe. She can raise more hell during a knockout bout than Superbrat can raise chalk, his voice and everyone's blood pressure sure during a match, they reason

And if she and McEnroe turn up together at Wimbledon, the All England Club should lay on guards

To protect the crowds

Speed is Coe's asset

Speed is still Coe's asset. At the New River Stadium in North London last week, Coe let loose a sizzling last lap of 52.2 seconds to win the 1500 metres for his club Haringey AC at the European Club Championship. With the first two laps taking 2 min 10secs, the eventual timing of 3 min 47.3 secs was naturally slow. But with Coe planning to switch to the 5000 metres in next year's European Championship, he seemed quite satisfied with the timing. "I'm pleased with that," he said after the race. "When you put more distance into your training you may leave leg speed behind," he justified. And yet Coe's often averred attempt at the longer distance still seems away. "I shan't try the 5000 metres until towards the end of the season, because I do want to go into next winter knowing what a succession of 5000 metres feels like."

But Coe may need his leg speed later this season to match the Brazilian sensation Joaquim Cruz, the Olympic 800 metres gold medalist. "He is the best 800 metres runner around at the moment," says Coe. "But I wouldn't mind



John McEnroe plants a kiss onto the cheek of Tatum O'Neal



Seb Coe... pleased with his performance

having a go at him." The two may set ablaze the track at the AAA Championships at Crystal Palace in July.

Nastase's best-selling thriller

LIE NASTASE, the former world's best and the Romanian Davis Cup hero has traded his racquet for a tape recorder and fired another ace.

The Romanian tennis hero, known for his volatile behaviour on court in the early seventies, has published a book, his first, in French by Lafont. The English version of the book is expected sometime next year.

The 306 page thriller is set in the fast-moving world of professional tennis where rivalries don't necessarily end with a friendly handshake across the net.

Nastase takes readers from gruelling centre court duels to locker rooms, private clubs and bedrooms where fast women, agents, promoters and officials all look for a piece of the action.



Ilie Nastase... a fast-paced book

"I always wanted to do something different - not just a book on tennis techniques," he said of his six month project "I've had the idea of writing a mystery for a long time, so I just sat down and dictated it into a tape recorder."

"I describe myself exactly the way I am. There are all the girls, the fast cars, and some of the funny things I have done on the court," he said.

Nastase's forthright account of his tennis career and his revealing private life off court should certainly make his book a best seller.

Absorbing contest in the offing

WITH THE RETURN of rebel cricketers like **Graham Gooch** and **John Embury** to prop the England team in their quest to regain the Ashes from traditional rivals Australia this Test series is slated to be a absorbing contest.

The Australians, by packing their side with a battery of fast bowlers like **Geoff Lawson**, **Jeff Thomson** and **Craig McDermott**, their sensational find, have ensured that they mean business.

England are not far behind in their challenge, though their pace department doesn't look menacing in comparison to the Australia's. But, the English batsmen look determined and are not going to be cowed down by burly speedsters from Down-Under. **Gooch** and **Gower** have announced their intentions by scoring centuries against this pace attack.

All in all, an interesting summer of cricket is in the offing with **Ian Botham** also in the fray to grab a few quick wickets and to play some blistering innings. With such an exciting Test series the cards, the BBC turned out to be the spoilsport. Every year the BBC broadcasts a ball-by-ball description of Test matches played in England. But, the first Test at **Headingley** was duly completed without a live commentary for world wide listeners.

The Indian cricket enthusiast ended up kicking his radio set in exasperation and reading stale, incomplete scores in the newspapers the following morning.

Mushtaq, the originator

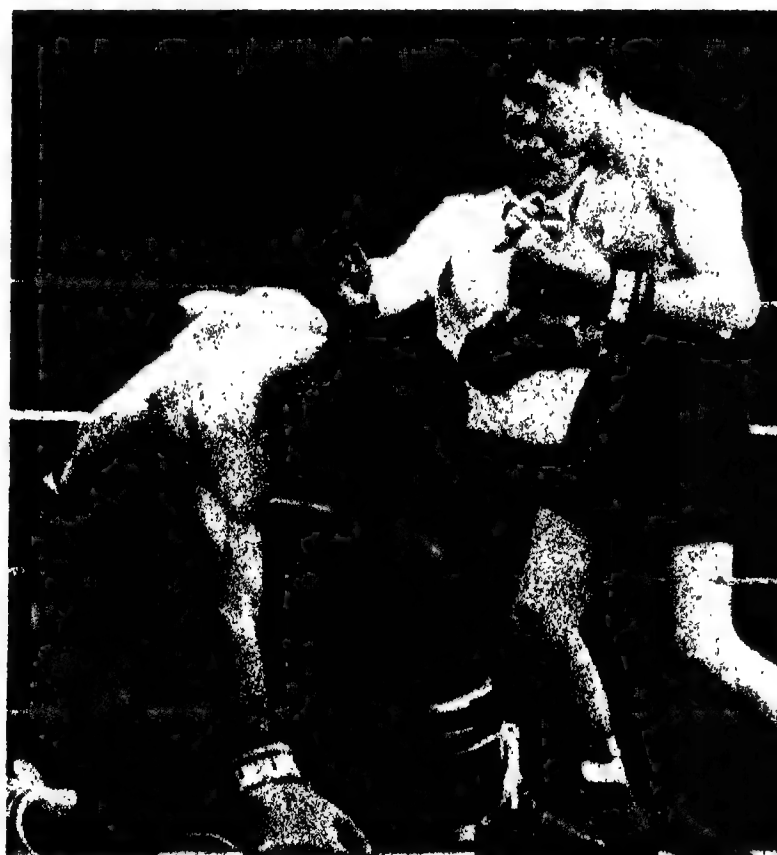
THERE is one former cricketer who stands by **Ian Botham** employing the risky reverse sweep in international matches - former Pakistan skipper **Mushtaq Mohammed**.

In fact **Mushtaq** is probably the originator of this 'naughty' stroke. The strongest claimant at least. In one Test against New Zealand in 1973 he recokons the reverse sweep brought him 18 of the 201 runs he scored in the match. And the stroke never cost him his wicket in Tests.

Mushtaq first played the stroke in 1964, the year in which he was qualifying for Northants. He was batting one Sunday for the **Rothmans Cavaliers** against **Middlesex** with **Fred Titmus** bowling his off breaks on the leg stump to six leg side fielders. "It suddenly came to me to play the shot," he recalled, "before the ball had been bowled."

Mushtaq had a long and distinguished career as a Test player and was never castigated for employing the stroke, unlike **Ian Botham** who is criticised everytime he attempts it. To ban the stroke, **Mushtaq** feels is absurd. "It gives the batsman and the crowd a lot of fun and the bowler a chance."

Which is what **Ian Botham** feels too. But **Peter May** and Co obviously do not agree.



Defeated world champion featherweight boxer Eusebio Pedroza goes down on one knee with Irishman Barry McGuigan standing over him on his way to the world title. McGuigan's victory was the end of Pedroza's 7-year reign as champion successfully defending his title 19 times.

Perseverance pays

PERSEVERANCE is another name for talent. One of the best examples, perhaps, would be Neeraj Kumar Mishra, who won the 1984 National Junior Chess Championship held at Nagpur earlier this year.

Neeraj learnt the rudiments of the game as a 7-year-old from his elder brother Pankaj. But it was his father, Buddh Kumar, who saw in his young son glimpses of a master chess player, who took up the task of teaching him the game. Neeraj learnt the game for seven to eight hours per day under the guidance of his father for two long years.

In 1977 he participated in the West Bengal Sub-Junior and Junior Championship where he did not fare well. The following year he took part in both the events but his only notable feat was that of defeating international Master Dibyendu Barua and hit the headlines of the local papers.

Eventually in 1979 his unflagging efforts paid him rich dividends and he annexed the West Bengal Sub-Junior Chess Championship title and then took part in the National 'B' in Delhi.

In 1981, he achieved another ku-

do by winning the National Sub-Junior Championship at Nagpur and by virtue of being the champion he got a chance to play at the National Group 'A'. During the same year he for the first time abroad to participate in the World Cadet (under-16) Championship at Ecuador where he found the 16th berth among 24 countries. Again in 1982, he won National Sub-Junior Championship at Secunderabad. Moreover, he played National Junior, New Delhi, National 'B', Agartala, National 'A' Rajasthan.

Neeraj participated in the World Cadet at Columbia where he bettered his previous record to the seventh position. In 1983 he took part in all the State and National meets but his performances were disastrous. The only saving grace was that in his first-ever performances at the Lloyd Bank's Tournament, in England, his score was far as he ran short of only 1-1/2 points for IM norm. His crowning achievement came in January, 1985, when he won the National Junior Championship in 1984 at Jaipur and thus avenged the reversal of 1983.

Q. When do you expect to get the IM norms?

A. I don't foresee it in the immediate future. But during the Chess Asiad at Hongkong in 1985, if the situation proved opportune I might get it.

Q. What is your ambition in life?

A. I want to be a Grand Master prompt came the reply.

Q. Till date India could not produce any Grand Master and your performances so far being no spectacular, is it not a pipe dream?

A. I've learnt so far that 80% of the moves are known over the world. If one wants to be versatile, the progress would be tardy and slow. Most of the Indian players of renown have acquired high proficiency in a few lines and have risen meteorically. But this phenomenon is ephemeral in the world arena. Once the opponents know that the other side cannot play more than these moves, they play different moves and those unaware, invariably lose. To be a Grand Master, by transposition one has to defeat his opponent and similarly, the opponent's new moves are to be countered. Since I've learnt a lot of moves, my progress is bound to be slow. Once I win over national barrier, the wide expanse of knowledge and maturity that are flowing in, will see me through the international scale.

Q. Who else, to your view, are likely to be Grand Master in India?

A. Ravi Shekhar and P. Thipsay.

Q. Once you left the school, why did you join it again?

A. In India, to get the Talent-Sought-Scholarship, one has to be a student in any recognised school. Unless you are not a student, you won't be allowed to play in Chess Olympiad. Social demand and pressures are such that you've to be in a school.

Q. What is lacking in the Indian Chess scenario? What can the government do to better the standard of Indian chess?

A. In India, the society does not treat chess with respect. The government, as well, does not bestow the same prestige to chess as it does to other games. When a chess player goes to play outstations, he is given the second class train fare, Rs. 12/- day for food and other expenses and free accommodation,

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I DON'T CARE! YOU SCREAMED DURING MY BACKSWING SO I GET TO HIT OVER!



Neeraj Kumar Mishra (left) makes a move while his opponent Dibyendu Barua (IM) watches

which is too inadequate and very insulting. A promising chess player does not get the National-Talent Sought Scholarship if he does not happen to be a student in a recognised school. The government and the private firms do not give preferential treatment to chess player in the matter of appointment as they do with regard to other discipline of games

The government should raise the allowances of the chess players when they go to play outstations. The amount of 'Talent-Sought-Scholarship' should be raised to Rs 1,000/- month. At par with other games the Chess players should get favourable treatment in the matter of jobs. Grand Master's of repute should be engaged to tutor the promising chess players for about 6-8 months in a year at a stretch in an ideal environment against the present policy of 20-25 days-session. Each state capital should have an exclusive chess library.

Q. Do you think, playing Chess is beneficial to the students? If so, then how can they be induced to it?

A. Bidhrava Chess Association has conducted a survey and found that the chess playing has some salutary influence on the students. It enhances the reasoning and calculation powers of the students. The government should adopt it as a subject in the co-curriculum activities of the educational institutions.

TRIBHUVAN BHAGAT

Prof. D.B. Deodhar

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ting and captaincy. He moved very quietly on the field and made his changes of bowling and fielding in a quiet and most unassuming manner. Quiet often from the pavilion it is difficult to make out who is in charge of the side, so unostensible are his methods. His knowledge of the players is very great and in his own way he is able to get the very best out of them

Admittedly, he has a not got the great personality of Nayudu but he is able to manage his team in the most efficient manner and is able to get the maximum out of those who have the pleasure to play under him. He is a great disciplinarian himself and by force of example he has been able to infuse great discipline in his own players. His simple life, great moral character, a high sense of discipline and duty and perfect physical fitness have been a source of inspiration to many a young cricketer; and, coupled with this his knowledge of the game he has commanded the highest respect from the members of his team. Prof. Deodhar's contribution to the game in this country has been and will always remain unique in the annals of Indian cricket."

Deodhar, the man, was as great as the sportsman. A professor of Sanskrit, Deodhar was perhaps the only oriental scholar to take to a foreign game and achieve distinction in it. Despite facing adversity in

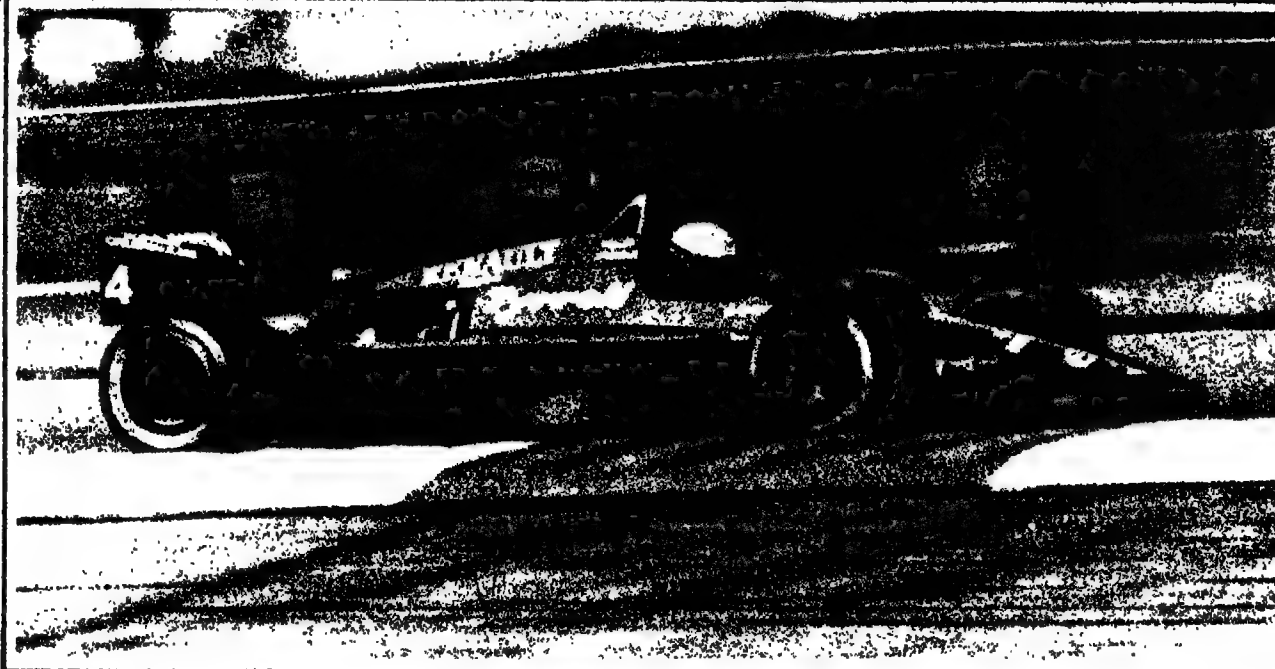
his early life, he never succumbed to the attractions of the lucre.

Deodhar joined the Shikshan Prasarak Mandali of Pune as one of its life members and worked as a professor at the S.P. College till 1946. He had several professional offers from the Princely states as he rose in stature in cricket but he declined them owing to his "innate regard for self-respect and independence, and an abiding love for Maharashtra cricket which I could serve best by accepting to be a life member in a Pune educational society to which I belonged as a student. The life members of this S.P. Mandali took the minimum pay just sufficient for their maintenance and served in a spirit of self-sacrifice."

Though sports and intellectual studies often come into conflict, Deodhar's life demonstrated that there can be a harmonious coordination between the two for the progress and benefit of both

Frank and upright, Deodhar was never afraid to speak out his mind even if it put him on the wrong side of the authorities. And finally Deodhar was the first top ranking cricketer to cover two Indian cricket tours and bring out a book on Indian cricket - "March of Indian cricket". A unique, integrated personality, indeed, is the nonagenarian Professor Deodhar, still happily with us

MISCELLANY



Martin Brundle drives the new Tyrrell-Renault 014, the first-ever turbo-powered Tyrrell Grand Prix car, at the silver stone track. The new car will be raced at the earliest opportunity

Wanderers are tough raiders

IN the absence of Punjab Police, last year's winners the Maharashtra Bank team must have, on their arrival at Indore for the 4th Prafullabhai Memorial Gold Cup Kabaddi Tournament, thought of winning the glittering gold cup. And it was not too ambitious, a dream

But hosts Lucky Wanderers and other plans in mind. They sprang a surprise by defeating the bankers in a low-scoring final by 15-12 to wrest the gold cup.

Outclassing Bombay's Vijay Bajarang in the semi-final by a big margin of 42-9 the local lads, rank outsiders, had opened their cards and kabaddi pundits then expected them to win the final.

Wanderers's fleet-footed raider Suresh Shirsagar and all rounder captain Raju Satalkar did the feat. Combining well they played a stragtical game and did not let rival captain, Arjun award winner, Shantaram Jadhav revive for about 10 minutes in the second half and it was during this period Wanderers, locked 6-6, earned vital three-point lead which they maintained along with psychological pressure.

Shantaram, looked like an old war horse and failed to do much for his team and the Maharashtra bank was deprived of a grand double. Their women's team effortlessly

won the title humiliating another Pune outfit Shiv Pratap Sangha 73-24 In fact the Maharashtra bank girls with four national players—Manisha Kondhalkar, Mohini Chaphekar, Smita Deosthali and Sadhana Kulkarni — had no challenge to ward off. In the final points just came their way and they won easily.

In raiding and catching they did not have to exert.

Deosthali was like Gullive against the Shiv Pratap Sangha Lili putians. She would always, on he raid, bring a minimum three points Bringing mere one point was per haps against her prestige.

Last year's winners in women section Maharashtra Bank (Bombay) were busy with their inter bank tournament in Bombay and hence could not come.

STAMPS

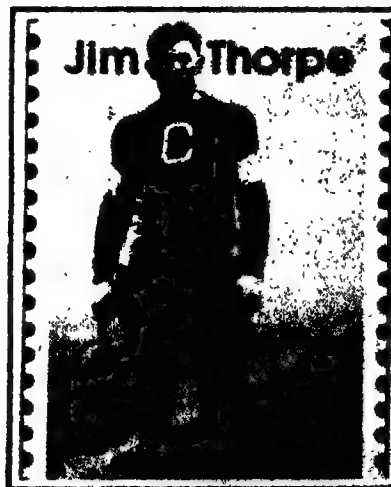
A commemorative stamp honoring versatile American athlete Jim Thorpe was issued by United States Postal Service as a part of the American Sports Series.

The vertically oriented stamp, denominated to 20c was designed by Richard Gangel and was depicting a photograph of Jim Thorpe. Considered as one of the greatest athletes of all time, Jim Thorpe had excelled in track-field, football and base ball in the 1912 Olympic Games held in Stockholm, Jim Thorpe had won gold medals in pentathlon and decathlon but, as he had played earlier in semi-professional baseball. He was ordered to return. Those two Olympic golds.

He was associated with the

Canton Bulldogs of the American Professional Football Asso.

JAGDISH BINIWALE



CESC at the helm



HISTORY was repeated on the 12th of June at the picturesque Peacock, Bay,

Khadakvasla when the Corps of Engineers Sailing Club clinched the Yachting Association of India's (YAI) silver jubilee inter-club team championship in the double leg finals defeating Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA).

The CESC team comprised of Lt Col. V.P. Singh (Lt. Akale), Major A.P. Singh and Captain Pillai. The first leg of the final was won by them without difficulty, picking up just 7.3/4 penalty points as against 13 of INSA.

In the reverse final INSA team suffered a major setback as their ace international sailor Captain Surendra Mongia had to pull out due to severe back-ache. His place was taken up by Lt. Commander Jose Varghese, his crew for the first leg as YAI rules do permit, was a substitute helms man.

In the second leg CESC finished in the first, third and fifth positions, with 8.1/2 penalty points as against 12 of the INSA team. CESC were presented with the handsome Godrej Trophy which is the symbol of inter-club team championship for the Enterprise Class.

Earlier in this 18-team meet, which was contested on a league-cum-semi-final knockout basis, CESC defeated Naval Sailing Club

By ABHIJIT BHADRE

'B' by 7.3/4 4-13 points the runner-up INSA had nosed out the formidable Colaba Sailing Club, Bombay by 9-11.3/4 to earn the spot opposite the '60 winners CESC.

The championships which began on the 7th of June, had many exciting moments as the weather was just perfect for the contest. The other new thing seen in the contest was of a photo-finish in the race between the Bhopal Sailing Association and the NDA team. Throughout the contest the wind speed was between 7-8 knots. The chief sponsors for the championships were Venkateshwara Hatcheries.

This year being the silver jubilee of the YAI, a comprehensive programme, has been chalked up, which includes release of postage stamp issue of brochure and conducting of Regional Regattas. YAI has come a long way since August 14, 1960; when the first inter-club Regatta was held at the same venue, and which included races of classes WAGS, EAGLES, and CBK's. The races were over within a day or two, whereas now they are nearly a-week-long. This change could also be attributed to the disciplined cordiality of the NDA.

Since then, the YAI Regattas have been a regular feature at various locations all over India and have greatly helped to popularise this sport in the country as well as

to produce sailors of National and International repute.

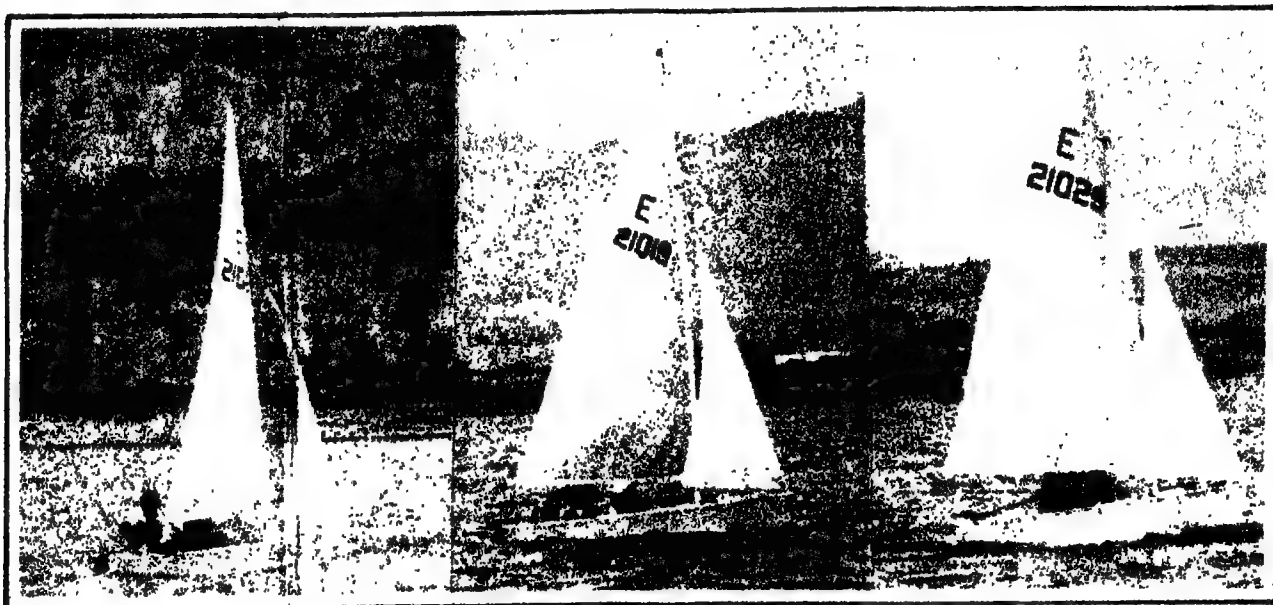
According to N.P. Dutta, chairman of the selection committee of YAI India will be participating in all the five classes in the third Asian Regatta Championship to be held in Pusong, South Korea in September.

The selection of Yachtsmen and their crew is already complete (except Enterprise class). The teams were selected after three coaching camps. Prior to the teams departure for South Korea, final coaching camps will be conducted in the first week of August and September.

India will competing for races in Enterprise Class, Single-handed Laser Class, Board Sailing Div. II, Optimist Class for Juniors and the 47-class.

The two-member team for the 47-Class are Tarapore and Bhandari, the Unwalla brothers, Fali and Jege, of Bombay. The Laser Class challenge will be led by Pradeepak, the optimist Class for Juniors will be led by the Secunderabad Sailing Club boys Pradyuman and Anirudh while Capt. Dikhit and C. Soares of Goa will lead for Board Sailing.

Admiral R.H. Tahiliani, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, the chief guest gave away the prizes, but not before the veteran's race of senior sailors who took part in the '60 Regatta. The race, cherry of the championship was won by Col. Oberoi while Col. Malhotra came second.



The Corps of Engineers Sailing Club, (No. E 21025), won the team championship of Yachting Association of India Silver Jubilee Regatta

STAR TRACK

June 26 to July 2, 1985

By Bejan Daruwalla

ARIES

June 30-July 1 hone up on skills and efficiency, say the pile driver the upper cut, or just the flying start for the sprint event, very specially the 100 and 200 metres Partnerships, all sorts, trips and ties, slight opposition to plans, for all Arians Got it, buddy?

TAURUS

Avoid, if you can a heavy work-out till the 29th, as there are health hazards, say sprains and dislocation, a fracture possibility Other wise also, Taureans are advised to watch their weight and disposition Sunday-Monday you can take the long shot and the close up, in sports and life!

GEMINI

You will find the chink in the armour of your rival if interested in chess fencing, hockey and indoor games 25-26 ideal for it This can be a week of information and knowledge, interspersed with the fancy trimmings of love children hobbies, music 28 29 take health

precautions please

CANCER

Time to cut it fine whether in cricket, table tennis, tennis It is certain that home conditions will unduly influence all Cancerians now so, keep your cool, please Best to work yourself to near peak level around the 30th stretching right through July end

LEO

Body builders in the medium class have it made now Let it be said here that for body builders and weight lifters July 22 and onwards is super time Prepare for it now Journeys trips partnerships for all Leons To improvise and innovate in any sport take Sunday and Monday please do and Gane sh a grace on you!

VIRGO

Chess and bridge players/fans will be in their element It is check mate time! Also mating time for Virgos! Got it? Those interested in hurling the javelin perfecting the hammer throw or the change of

baton in the relay, should be hard at work in June-July

LIBRA

Go all out for the kill, be it big game, golf, wrestling penalty corner, or just a friendly game of billiards You see, now, you will have the psychological advantage and that's not to be sneezed at! Librans will now have the courage of their conviction and therefore they will not vacillate, as is their usual wont and habit

SCORPIO

Learn to conserve your energy particularly so, if you are a long distance runner a wrestler, a centre forward in football or hockey a spiker in volley-ball or a centre in basket ball For the Scorpio reader too expenses and slight discomforts Never mind its a passing phase

SAGITTARIUS

Move fast and furious and crack that shot goal, left footer! You will be off the blocks in splendid style Flicks and lusty drives can both be perfected these seven days A word of caution Not to begin anything new on Friday and Saturday in sports or in real life say business profession job hop and so on

CAPRICORN

Not to overstrain in weight-lifting sprint events, hurdling and the decathlon Otherwise also work to an easy pace and step please Yes, in your chosen field of activity expect hard sustained competition Hold back something in reserve for the final burst of speed in sports, romance, business, trip ties collaboration

AQUARIUS

Easy does it! If at the goal, just scoop In tennis, the straight fore-hand drive In cricket, the cover drive Take a chance at the long shot in life or sports on Sunday-Monday, as the moon will be in favourable positioning Doubles players show superb co-ordination and perfect understanding

PISCES

You could be in for a fall or a somersault, if you overdo a good thing in polo, hurdling, steeple-chase, boxing, wrestling, high jump Otherwise also, watch your step! Financial muddles and problems of partnerships and health hazards hold true for the majority of Pisceans Prewarned is prearmed! June 30, July 1, good dates

THE SPORTING LIFE



LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE, MURCHISON...
YOU'RE NOT TOPPING THE BALL ANYMORE...

Hope for the youngsters

BRITANNIA INDUSTRIES LTD., an associate of NABISCO BRANDS INC of USA and the Amritraj Brothers of world wide tennis fame announced their ambitious scheme to train talented young Indian boys. The training facility located at Madras Christain College tennis courts was inaugurated by Dr. V.R. Nedunchezhiyan, Minister of Finance, Government of Tamilnadu.

Specifying the details of the scheme, Vijay Amritraj stated that the objective of the Britannia Amritraj Tennis Foundation (BAT) is to spot and nurture young tennis talent for Davis Cup and world class competition.

The programme is to start with eight talented boys ranging in age from 13 to 14 years. The training will be comprehensive, covering not only physical aspects and coaching but also nutritional intake



Anand and Vijay Amritraj explaining the finer aspects of the game to the boys who were selected for training

and mental discipline to develop the instinct to win.

Trials for selection of trainees were conducted during December

1984 by Vijay & Anand Amritraj who personally played with and evaluated in all 30 boys of which eight were selected.

SMS Stadium

needs a facelift

THE chairman of the technical committee for conducting the World Cup Cricket in 1987 Ghulam Ahmed has said that the Swai Man Singh Stadium, Jaipur, in its present condition could not be chosen as one of the venues for staging the matches

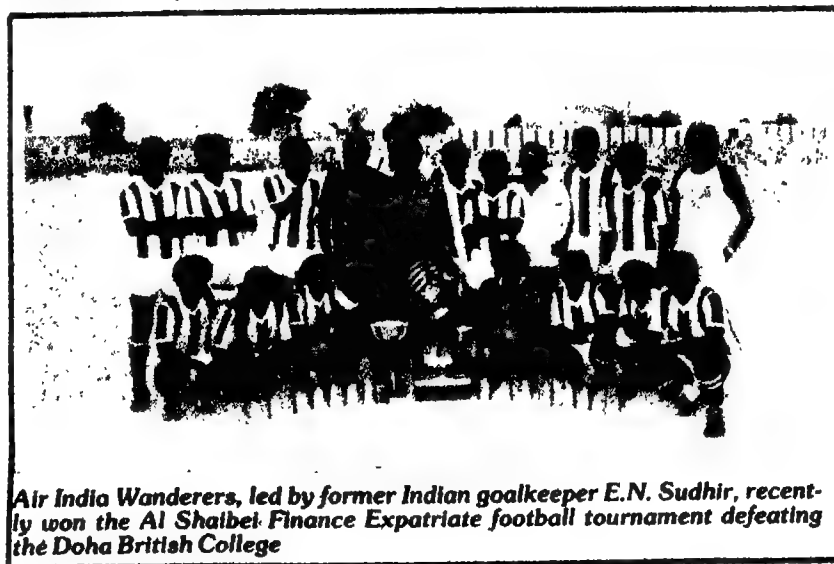
Talking to newsmen after visiting the stadium, Ghulam Ahmed, said that it did not meet the requirements laid down by the International Cricket Conference for conducting matches.

Ghulam Ahmed, who was accompanied by another member Niranjana Shah of the technical committee, said that the entire ground and the wicket had to be re-laid; removing the existing cinder track.

The stadium needed a new pavilion having a capacity of at least nine to ten thousand viewers also having the facilities for dressing and dining rooms, rooms for the media men and the umpires.



The Swai Man Singh Stadium, Jaipur in its present condition cannot be chosen as one of the venues



Air India Wanderers, led by former Indian goalkeeper E.N. Sudhir, recently won the Al Shalbei Finance Expatriate football tournament defeating the Doha British College



By Railbird

Chaitanya Ratham superb

CHAITANYA Ratham is the best three-year old filly in the land. That the Dark Bay or Brown by T V Sunday ex-Urvashi (Everyday II) proved decisively when she trounced a select all-India field of 10 of her age and sex at level weight in the 1 600 metres Bangalore summer fillies trial stakes in the excellent time of 1 minute, 38 second which equalled the record for the race set by Blue Ice in 1981

In fact, it was more of a procession than a race and the expectations of a rousing finish because of the openness of it on all available data were ground into the Emerald Green turf under the flying hoofs of J S Dhariwal R P B Bhale Rao, V Vasanthakumar Reddy and Mrs Harpreet Bedi's Hargobind stud-bred property which was purchased in Madras for Rs 1 20,000 which is a modest amount by today's standards

LLOYD MARSHALL too trainer Dhariwal's ward to the front on getting out and showed the way first to parallax and then to Goldie Brown. Chaitanya Ratham entered the straight about three lengths clear of Goldie Brown and when there was about 300 metres to go, Marshall in order to make doubly sure of victory, took out the stick. Chaitanya Ratham then went further away to ultimately win by six lengths from Goldie Brown, who was three lengths clear of Maudlin with Reshmi Art a length further behind

It was truly a remarkable performance because the track can in no way be described as fast and it is no exaggeration to say that Chaitanya Ratham, who provided her owners and Marshall with their first Bangalore summer classic and trainer Dhariwal with his second as he had won the Bangalore Derby with young Rajput in 1981, ran the opposition of their feet

Chaitanya Ratham was suffered only two defeats in her total of eight starts and both were inflicted by Goldie Brown, one in Madras and the other in the fillies trial in Ooty. She avenged one of them when she beat Goldie Brown in the Nilgiris Derby when, many close watchers were of the view that Marshall pulled a fast one on corner by racing clear early and that

corner, evidently expecting Chaitanya Ratham to lose pace, delayed his challenge till it was too late

THAT theory has now been exploded and one reason for it is that Chaitanya Ratham has shown tremendous improvement in her condition for which full marks are due to Dhariwal, who prepared her in Ooty and brought her to Bangalore less than a week before the race

UPTILL about five minutes to starting time the betting reflected the belief that it was a very open affair as the winner, Goldie Brown and Wonder Ternere all at 3 to 1 while Invitation, the Calcutta challenger, was at fives. Then, money poured in for Wonder Tern, who stripped a picture of fitness in the parade, and she ultimately was the 2 to 1 favourite with Goldie Brown next in demand at 9 to 4, Chaitanya Ratham at 3 to 1, Invitation at 6 to 1 and Maudlin and Reshmi Art at 8 to 1

WONDER Tern could not live up to either her condition or her place in the betting. She was hard-riden under the whip by Aslam Kader from before the turn but she did not give an adequate response and was ultimately fifth. Maudlin on the other hand, put in a very effective stretch run when travelling in the middle of the track. As Chaitanya Ratham is, unfortunately, not an entry for the derby, to be run on July 14, and as Goldie Brown, who is full sister to the brilliant Red Cockade, and will not see out the trip, Maudlin is the only one of the fillies to come into the reckoning

WHAT of next week's colt trial stakes? There are those who are inclined to water down the chances of Allah Rakhkha (Grey Gaston Uncle's pet) pointing out that even allowing for the fact that he was unstretched his beating of Wonder Tern, who was giving him one kilo, was not that impressive when viewed against Wonder Tern's poor showing in the fillies trial. The rule of three in racing is not always a reliable guide as was proved by the disgraceful showing of Invitation in the fillies trial. That filly, despite a slipped saddle, scored over Jehan Numa in her maiden appearance in Bangalore

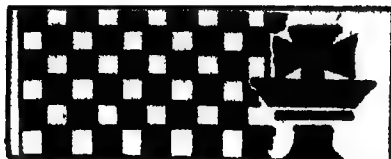
and the day before the trial Jehan Numa, carrying 60 kilos, outclassed class three opposition to earn promotion in the light of Jehan Numa's performance that of invitation was shocking

BE that as it may. The winner of the colts trial should emerge from the Bombay duo of Allah Rakhkha and Sir Bruce (Everyday II-Hennessy) the Madras-based celebrant (Bold Agent-Galgea) and the Bangalore-based Dupont (Everyday II-Silent Screen). Sir Bruce is reported as having a spot of shoulder trouble and that should affect his chances adversely. Allah Rakhkha continues to show improvement and celebrant ran just two and a half lengths behind Zinka, who was giving him three kilos and who has been elevated to the highest class on that run. Dupont ran just half a length behind a Good Type three-year-old in Royal Legacy when giving him 10 kilos over the trial course of 1,600 metres. If he can reproduce that run he can win from Allah Rakhkha. Royal Legacy, who has excellent conformation, could be the surprise party if he can be induced to sweat

THE ways of officialdom are peculiar. Trainer Attaollahi declared Ayaz, a five-kilo claimer, to ride his Forest Flame in the Broadacres Plate last Saturday. Everybody knew, or rather should have known that the filly would be an odds-on choice

AYAZ handled her ineptly and was suspended for four race days. The surprise was that the trainer was fined a whopping Rs 10,000 for not declaring a "suitable" jockey for his ward. It is significant to note that no official cognisance was taken of who was to ride Forest Flame until after the race when Ayaz was found to be unsuitable

SURELY, it should have been anticipated that he was unsuitable and the trainer should have been instructed to change the rider before the race. In fact, there was ample time to have effected the change before the start of the first race of that day. If the trainer is at fault so are the authorities for they are clearly accessories before the fact.



CHESS

By R.B. Sapre

22.b4, Qa3 23.Rxf8ch, Kxf8
24.Qxb8ch, Kg7 25.Kc2, 1-0

8.h4) Botvinnik-Petrosian match game 1963: 8.h3, Nf6 9.Bd3, c5 10.Nf3, Nc6 11.Kf1, O0 12 Kg2.

10.Bh2) Vaiser-Geller, Sochi 1982: 10.Be57, f6 (later the Black King gets a good escape at f7) 11.Bh2, Bxg4! 12.Qxb7, Qe7! 13.Qxa8, Qxe3ch 14.Be2, Bxf2ch. 15.Kf1 (15.Kd1?, Qd3ch 16.Kc1, Be3 mate) 15..Bh4! 16.Qxb8ch, Kf7 17.Nd1, Bxe2ch 18.Nxe2, Qf3ch 19.Kg1, Qxe2 20.Bg3, Qg4 21.Kg2? (Better 21.Kh2, Ne7 22.Qb3) Qe4ch 22.Kh2, Ne7! 23.Qxh8 (If 23.Qb3, Nf5 24.Bxh4, Nxh4 25.Qg3, Nf3ch should draw) Bxg3ch! 24.Kg1, draw; (24...Qe1ch etc draws. If 24.Kxg3, Qxh1 pins the Knight and Black can at least draw with checks.)

10. Bxg4?) In contrast with the game in the previous note this move is questionable and Black had better defend b7.

11. Qe7?) After 11...Nd7 12.Qxc6, Ne7 13.Qb7 White stands better But the text is thoroughly refuted

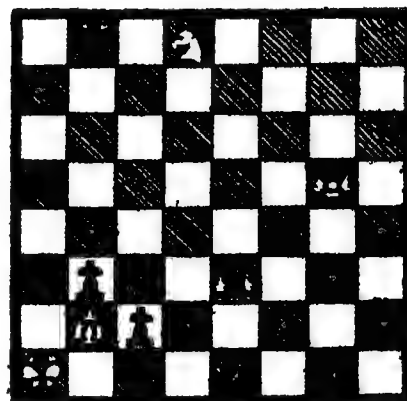
13. Qf2ch 13 Bxf2ch does not work in this case as f7 is not available for the Black King (compare

Vaiser-Geller). e.g. 13...Bxt2cn 14.Kf1, Bh4 (or 14...Bxe2ch 15.Ngxe2, Bh4 (or 15...Qf3 16.Qxb8ch, Ke7 17.Qd6ch, Ke8 18.Qxc6ch, Kf8 19.Qxd5) 15.Qxb8ch, Ke7 20.Nxd5chl, cxd5 21.Qd6ch, Ke8 22.Bb5ch and mates)

14...Bg3) There is nothing in 14...Qxd4ch 15.Bd3, Qf2ch 16.Nge2.

18.Rh6!) Black is heavily down in material and the interest of the game lies in White's artistic conduct of the finish.

END GAME

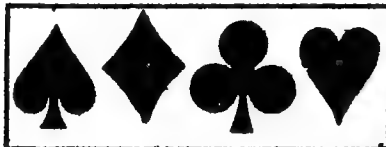


White play and draw

This is an important game in a wild Queen's Gambit Exchange Variation in which Vaiser improves on his draw with Geller three years ago. It is one move that makes all the difference.

Vaiser-Diaz

1.d4, d5 2.c4, e6 3.Nc3, Be7 4.cxd5, exd5 5.Bf4, c6 6.e3, Bf5 7.g4, Be6 8.h4, Bxh4! 9.Qb3, g5 10.Bh2, Bxg4! 11.Qxb7, Qe7! 12.Qxa8, Qxe3ch 13.Be2, Qxf2ch 14.Kd2, Bg3 15.Bxg3, Qxg3 16.Bxg4, Nf6 17.Nge2, Qc7 18.Rh6., Nxe4 19.Rxc6!, Qd8 20.Nxd5, O0 21.Rc8!, Qa5ch



BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

"It is the story of my life" he sighed, shoving this under my nose

Q432
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J8

He was sitting next to me at the Boat House Bar in Nainital, a little better for wear, perhaps, but his cry was from the heart. "It is the story of what might have been."

I started at his lay-out for a while, wondering what was so poignant about it. "You could not get to slam?" I commiserated "It is not easy to get there".

"Oh, we had our slam alright. only they got a game instead."

"They did?" I gasped.

choked "Any damn fool would have led a spade and I'd have "You are not a good guess" he sneered "You remind me of my partner He always guessed wrong Look what he guessed to lead in the first Knock-Out of the Madras Nationals I was East.

(N B Rathi)	(My Partner) I won't tell you his name)	(Sudhir Ganguly)	Me (K C E Dhir)
1NT	2H	P	P
2NT	P	P	Dbt
All pass			

We were playing against the famous Bhowanipur Team, led that year by N B Rathi. I was playing for Central Civil Services Sports Board and this deal was my chance to make news. We had our slam on defence. We had twelve tricks - two thousand points. Who cared about a silly non-vul slam bonus.

Suddenly he was blubbing uncontrollably

"He lead a heart - a heart" he

jumped up with the ace and shot a heart through. Even a club would have done but my idiot had to lead a heart and give them a game instead of picking up 2000 points.

"You win some. You lose some". I consoled. "You don't understand" he wailed "I'd have had my name up in lights. I'd have taken their place at table one instead of which it was the Swiss for the duration and this night-mare to live with." And then he started to wonder.

"Could we have got them all down? Could we have made a grand slam on defence? Isn't there a squeeze going or something?"

I shook my head "You would have had to give them one trick at the finish.

"A pity. I'd have loved to take all. No way?" he pleaded.

"No way?"

"You know, I don't feel so bad any more. Will you publish my hand in Sportsweek?"

"I might" I smiled "or may be I'll wait till you get your grand slam in defence"

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- 1 In swimming men what is the world record for 100 meters freestyle?
- 2 Who was the first British girl to swim the English Channel?
- 3 Which women swimmer was nickname the Golden Torpedo in the 1940s?
- 4 In which year did the British Amateur Squash Champion ships came to an end?
- 5 Who is the youngest player to win the World Professional Snooker Championship?
- 6 When and where did the first known race of automobiles

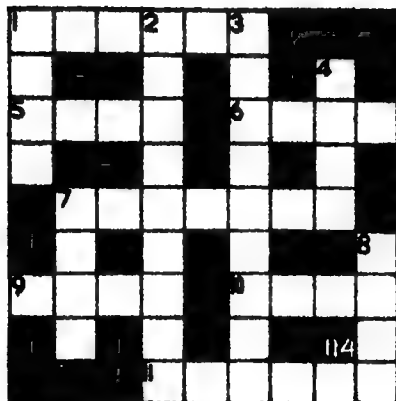
WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

- 7 What is the greatest speed recorded by a player in ice hockey?
- 8 With what sport is the Walker Cup connected?
- 9 When was the Shell Shield competition first started in West Indies?

- 10 Who won the English County cricket championship in 1970?
- 11 With what sport is the name of Mikhail Tal associated?

ANSWERS

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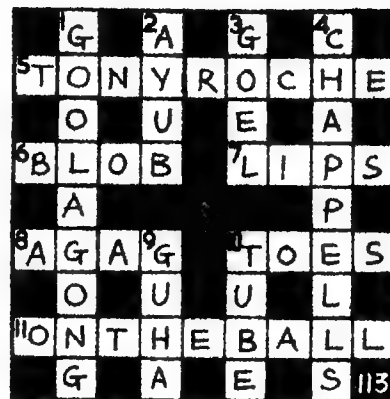
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- 1 Kind of need a Mary Decker is of TV today with its yen for spark

- ing controversy (6)
 5 Morozova in goal (4)
 6 Nastase confessing that he never tells the truth? (4)
 7 Urge Nandan to abandon all work that makes him a dull boy? (3 4)
 9 Los Angeles taken in by an Australian all rounder (4)
 10 In New Zealand it could be John the First or John the Second? (4)
 11 O'Neill as cub (6)

DOWN

- 1 How you can afford to play it when you are the hot favourite (4)
 2 Czech ranked among the Top Twenty Players of 1965 85 by Tennis magazine (4 5)
 3 Rum Leg oil for Argentinian tennis (9)
 4 This Indian quickie certainly needed sizing up (4)
 7 Dead on the target? Nonsense! (4)



- 8 Amidst Runs and Ruins is Sunil Gavaskar's place as an - secure again? (4)

Q What is Australia's highest and lowest score against England?

-Satish Chelaram
Wadala, Bombay

A Australia's highest score against England is 729 for 6 declared at Lord's in 1930. Australia's lowest against England is 36 at Birmingham in 1902.

Q Where and when did Jim Laker of England take 19 wickets in a Test match?

-Deepak Pradhan
Bangalore

A Jim Laker took 19 wickets against Australia at Manchester in 1956.

Q What are the Test records of the following batsmen - JH Edrich, D L Amiss, and T E Bailey?

-Nitin M,
Madras

A JH Edrich has played 77 wickets 127 innings 9 times not out 5138 runs 310 not out as highest 12 centuries at an average of 43.54.

Amiss has played 50 Tests 88 innings 10 times not out 3612 runs, 262 not out, as highest 11 centuries, at an average of 46.30.

Bailey has played 61 Tests 91 innings 14 times not out, 2290 runs, 134 not out, as highest, 1 century, at an average of 29.74.

Q What are the birth dates of Nayjot Singh and Suru Nayak?

-Yogesh Khanna,
Nagpur.

A Nayjot Singh 20 10 1963,

QUESTION BOX

Suru Nayak 20 10 1954

Q In which year did Bjorn Borg of Sweden win the French Open Tennis title for the first time? Has he also won the title 4 times in succession when?

Devappa Nagar
Lonavala

A John Borg won the French Open Tennis title for the first time in 1974. Yes he has won the title four times in succession from 1978 to 1981.

Q When did New Zealand play its first Test match and who was its first Test captain?

-Jignesh Lalwani
Vile Parle, Bombay

A New Zealand played its first Test match in 1929/30 against England. New Zealand's first Test captain was T C Lowry.

Q Who won the gold, silver and the bronze medals in the super heavyweight category of the boxing event in the 1984 Olympics?

Ramesh Punge
Jaipur

A Gold - T Biggs of USA silver - F Damiani of Italy and bronze - R Wells of Britain and S Aziz of Yugoslavia.

Q What are the Test records of Graham Yallop and R M Cowper of Australia?

-Kishore Dave
Surat

A Graham Yallop has played 38 Tests 68 innings 3 times not out 2753 runs 268 as highest 8 centuries at an average of 42.35.

R M Cowper has played 27 Tests 46 innings 2 times not out 2061 runs 307 as highest 5 centuries at an average of 46.84.

Q Where was the second Test match of the 1969 series against Australia in India played? What is the first innings score card of India in that Test?

Pradeep Rawal
Indore

A The venue of the second Test match of the 1969 series was Kanpur.

India (first innings) F M Engineer c and b Stackpole 77 A V Mankad c and b Mallet 64 A L Wadekar c Mallet b Connolly 27 G R Vishwanath c Redpath b Connolly 0 Nawab of Pataudi (jr) c Redpath b McKenzie 38 A Gandotra c Taber b Connolly 13 E D Solkar b Connolly 44 S Venkatraghavan run out 17 S Guha lbw b Mallet 6 F A S Prasanna c McKenzie b Mallet 22 B S Bedi not out 1 Extras 11 Total 320.

Q What is the full name of G R Vishwanath?

Dilip Gaokar
Amravati

A Gundappa Ranganath Vishwanath.

Can things never change?

FOR almost a decade now an Indian women's table tennis team without Indu Puri could not be imagined. However, the team for the U.S. Open Table Tennis championships will be just that. The reason? Simple. The national champion could not pay the air fare and meet other expenses for the trip.

After the Asiad, India is now bidding for the Olympics which will involve an expenditure of crores of rupees. Yet the sportsmen are asked to foot their own bills. Various exemptions in duty were granted to let Ravi Shastri bring his Audi car from Australia. The same government cannot pay the expenses for perhaps India's finest table tennis player ever.

The Sports Authority of India announces an award of Rs 25,000 to a coach who can produce a fast bowler. But it remains a silent spectator when a champion drops out due to lack of funds.

This is not the first time that Indian sportsmen have been asked to pay to represent their country. As things stand, this will also not be the last such instance.

The government officials will earn praises for organising sports events; the sponsors and the media will continue to promote sports which hardly need any promotion; the sports bodies will either be short of funds or will be engaged in their own battles. And the condition of sportsmen will only marginally improve.

Jaimin Bhatt
(Bombay-58)

Sponsorship makes sport corrupt

ANYONE who defends John McEnroe's tantrums and bad manners on the tennis court will be considered anti-social. Even so, I dare write this letter in support of his and Jimmy Connors' decision not to play for the U.S. Lawn

Tennis Association's demand for signing a code of good conduct and behaviour.

It would be understandable if the USLTA had acted on its own. But it is amusing that this demand is a consequence of threats by the sponsors.

Up to a point sponsors are needed. But if they are allowed to dictate terms, they must be kept away. Sponsors are in fact a mixed blessing to sport. Though they are helpful in promoting sport, they also make the games corrupt.

K.S. Vasan
(Mumbai)



Crowning glory for Chrissy

IT was indeed the crowning glory for Chris Evert-Lloyd when she won the French Open championships. Over the past few years, Chris Lloyd has been overshadowed by Martina Navratilova, whom she had not beaten in any Grand Slam event since the Australian Open in 1982.

It speaks volumes of Chris Lloyd's dedication and determination that she has refused to give up all these years and has battled back to prime form and turned the tables on her redoubtable adversary.

S Krishnamoorthi
(Bombay-89)

Champions off the field!

WHO says India cannot produce champions? In fact, India has produced innumerable champions to date. These champs are generally appointed as sports officials, managers and/or office bearers, not to speak of ministers.

Talking about swimming pools, gymnasiums and other facilities to promote sports consciousness among the population, India has most of these facilities but not for the common man. The common Indian is damned busy fighting for his existence.

Arta Mishra
(Cuttack-753001)

Pakistan's wonder boy

I was really pleased to read Abdul Qadir's interview in Sportsweek dated May 17, which enabled cricket lovers in India to know the real reason for the exclusion of this champion cricketer from his national side.

Pakistan cricket at present is in a major crisis. They have many talented young players but their places in the national team are always in jeopardy because of petty politics in the cricket board there. To prove this, I would like to give some examples.

1) Qasim Omar, after giving a fairly good performance in the Benson and Hedges World Championship of Cricket in Australia, was dropped for the match against India in the Rothman's Cup in Sharjah.

2) Abdul Qadir was sent back to

from New Zealand on grounds of misbehaviour for just not fielding a ball properly in the closing stages of a dull match.

3) No action was taken against Zaheer Abbas for his misdeeds on the field in New Zealand by getting into an altercation with Qadir, which shows that some players are more than equal in Pakistan.

-Aurnob Roy
(Lucknow-7)

Do two wrongs make a right?

IT was shocking to read Viv Richards' statement after the series against New Zealand that he does not feel there is anything wrong in his fast bowlers bowling short pitched deliveries persistently ever to tailenders.

He then justifies this statement by saying that the West Indies have been at the receiving end of this type of intimidatory bowling in the past.

All I wish to ask Mr Richards is that even in modern day cricket, do two wrongs ever make a right?

On the other hand, it was pleasant to read Allan Border's views in your issue dated June 12. In his issue, speaking on the eve of the Australian team's departure to England for the Ashes series, Border is reported to have expressed the hope that the series would be played as cricket was designed to be played, and not with the balls constantly whizzing around the throat.

-Niranjan V Naik
(Bombay-36)

Kudos to Viv

KUDOS to the world's premier batsman Vivian Richards for playing one of the greatest innings in post-war cricket by scoring 322 runs off only 258 deliveries against Warwickshire. Richards' domination of the game is evident from the fact that he took only 43 balls to progress from 200 to 300, an amazing feat.

Arvind Kumar
(Patna-3)

New-look SW

YOUR magazine has certainly improved in quality and readability. The get-up, selection of articles and its presentations are definitely an improvement on the earlier issues. Even the colour blow-ups are getting better.

Keep it up!

-Srinivasan Umashankar
(Nagpur-22)

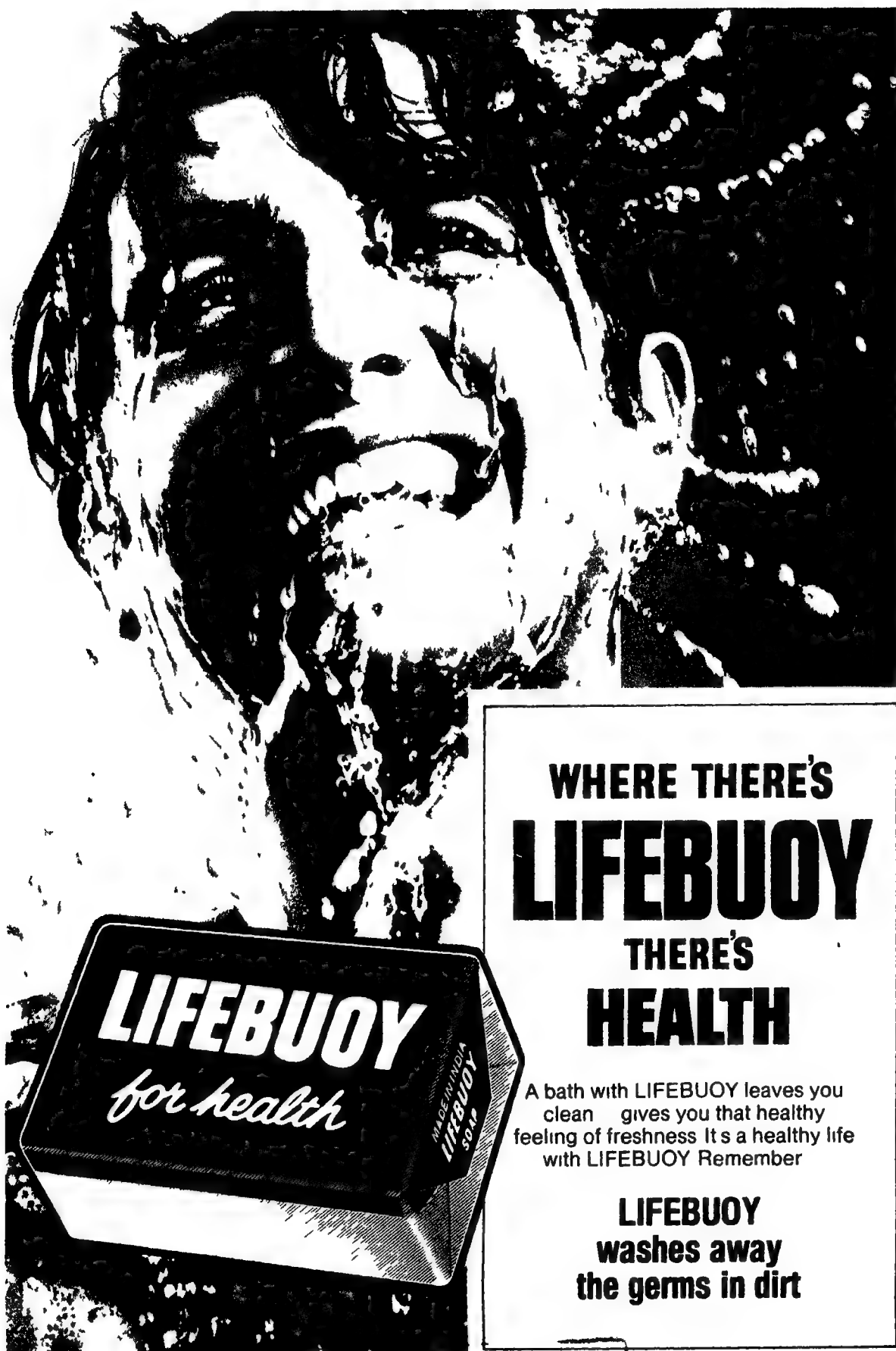
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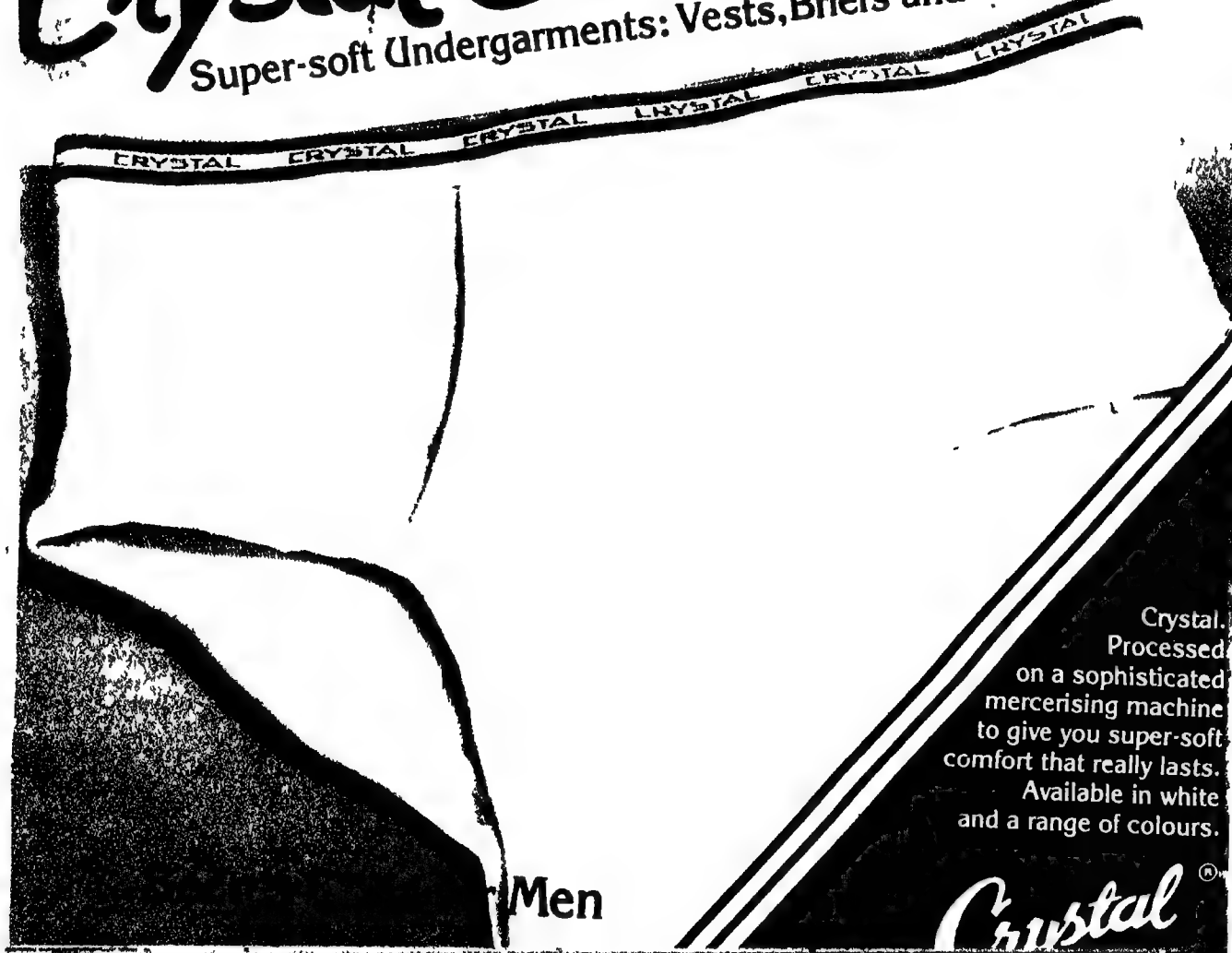
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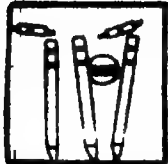
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By Pat Gibson

England can make this a summer of success

E NGLAND are on their way to regaining the Ashes because skipper David Gower's problems are infinitely less than Allan Border's

Gower still has plenty on his mind - not least his own batting form with the selectors due to reconsider his position after the second Cornhill Test, at Lord's

But the greater burden weighing heavily on Australia captain Border, was there for all to see as England scrambled home by five wickets with 13 2 overs to spare at Headingley

With the scores level, Border put down a dolly of a catch at mid-wicket to spare Peter Willey acute embarrassment and deprive Jeff Thomson of his 200th wicket in what was conceivably the last Test for both of them

Then, as if in acknowledgement of everything that had gone wrong for Australia at the very start of the six-match series Border admitted 'I was thinking about other things at the time'

Border knew as well as anybody that England should have won rather more comfortably than they eventually did on a pitch that gave Australia a better chance to reveal their fast bowling supremacy than will any of the others

The fact is, that until Geoff Lawson - admittedly far from match fit after his viral infection - and the gallant Simon O'Donnell summoned up a last desperate effort on the final afternoon they had bowled as badly as England's seamers

On top of that, England's batting, so much stronger for the arrival of Tim Robinson, who was rightly adjudged man of the match, the fielding and the very presence of the re-

vitalised Ian Botham made them a far superior all-round side

And now, I believe that if the selectors managed to pick the best eleven - which means a balanced attack with two seamers and two spinners plus Botham - England can make this a summer of success

In the final analysis, it was off-spinner John Emburey who clinched the first Test with his highly professional five for 82 in 43 4 overs when the seamers again threatened to make a hash of it

You could hardly blame Botham, who finished Australia's first innings with three wickets in four balls and took four vital second-innings wickets. But Norman Cowans and Paul Allott managed just four wickets between them at a combined cost of 259

They were so profligate that after Cowans had yorked David Boom with the sixth ball of the day, Wayne Phillips and O'Donnell were able to put on 80 in 98 minutes and threaten a Headingley comeback of 1981 Botham proportions

Botham himself made the breakthrough by having O'Donnell caught behind and when he tempted Phillips to sky a catch to mid-wicket after making 91 in 191 minutes, Emburey quickly wrapped up the tail

England were left to score 123 to win in a minimum of 50 overs - and Graham Gooch and Robinson made it look like a formality with 44 off the first 12

But then Lawson, looking much more like his normal belligerent self, bowled Robinson through the gate to give Gower the opportunity to lead his side to his first Test vic-



'David Gower's problems are infinitely less than Allan Border's



David Gower and Tim Robinson (left) celebrate England's victory in the first Test against Australia at Headingley. Robinson was awarded the Man of the Match for his 175 runs

tory in England.

But Gower could not take it. He had made just five when he edged the persevering O'Donnell and was well caught by Border at second slip.

O'Donnell also claimed Gooch, leg before for 28 in similar fashion to his first innings dismissal, but Lamb calmed England's nerves by getting off the mark with two successive fours to top 2,000 runs in his 33rd Test.

Australia kept battling away for Lawson to have Mike Gatting caught behind and O'Donnell to bowl a strangely subdued Botham, but Lamb completed the job - albeit in bizarre circumstances.

First, Border dropped that simple catch from Willey and then Lamb, going for the winning hit, hooked O'Donnell over long-leg where Lawson had no chance of taking the swirling chance as invading spectators swarmed around him.

MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN!

By Allan Thompson

IN THE colourful language of England captain David Gower, "mad dogs" invaded the Headingley pitch at the end of the Test match.

In a more sedate style, Peter Lush, Test and County Cricket Board spokesman, said: "It was a small minority. Apart from isolated incidents the general pattern of behaviour among cricket crowds is first rate."

Both of them are right.

It would be hysterical to over-react to a gang of late-teenagers fighting among themselves for the stumps and bails used in a memorable match.

But it would be criminal to under-react. The threat to cricket, now that the Headingley invasion was exposed to millions on television, is

that fools elsewhere will follow the lead.

And cricket must not be allowed to drift down the same path as soccer.

Lush says: "It is difficult to know how to cope with this sort of situation." Australian captain, Allan Border, asks: "How can it be prevented?"

Phrases of that nature were used over 20 years ago in a different context....When the first toilet rolls were hurled onto football pitches, when the first light bulbs were broken on football special trains

No one needs reminding where that trail has finally led, but football men were saying then, as Peter Lush said yesterday: "Fencing in of the pitches is the last resort. What

"I'm happy to prove my worth"

By David Gower

I CANNOT agree with the pressure being put on the selectors to resolve the England captaincy issue before the second Test

That may sound odd coming from me but I am perfectly happy with the situation

It is not uncommon for England captains to be appointed for part of the summer series and the selectors obviously have very good reasons to do that

I was appointed for the Texaco Trophy internationals and the first two Tests and they should stick to that. It would seem very odd - the selectors bowed to media pressure, or even public pressure, and did something different now

The chairman Peter May has made it clear a decision will be made after Lords but I will not be thinking about that during the second Test if I can help it

It does not make it more difficult for me. I know the job I have to do as captain and I accept that as a batsman I need to score runs

That does not change because I am not appointed for the third Test

It does not cause extra pressure. Test matches are full of pressure anyway and you don't get time to worry about what may happen afterwards

We start the second Test with a

MAD DOGS...

we must try to improve is the standard of stewarding

Too true. But David Gower hit the nail on the head when he said: "It's a problem that is not going away and it is one for the authorities to sort out"

And sort it out they must - quickly. Simply because cricket crowds in the past have not required a great deal of control does not mean the game will enjoy that happy state for ever. Or indeed for much longer

Jack Bailey, secretary of MCC, says that at Lord's for the second Test, "we will appeal to the onlooking public to act reasonably"



John Emburey... his was a vital contribution for England

very distinct advantage. We are 1-0 up. But no one expects the Australians to roll over

They gave us a tremendous match at Leeds without their leading batsman Allan Border making a significant contribution and with their leading bowler Geoff Lawson not bowling as well as expected. That is not likely to happen again

As for us, there is obviously room for improvement as well

The criticism of our first day bowling was justified. Our pace attack was not disciplined enough and my attacking field placings were probably too ambitious, allowing the Australians too many runs

But the England dressing room

remained relaxed and confident, particularly with Robinson playing so well

When someone does a job for you like he did in scoring 175 it shows the art of Test cricket has not been forgotten entirely

It is not often a spinner takes five wickets in a Test innings these days, particularly at Headingley, but that is what John Emburey did

It was a vital contribution and I think our original selection was justified

People suggested Phil Edmonds or an extra seam bowler should have been playing but I don't regret our choice of an extra batsman to cope with the Leeds wicket

You pick sides to suit the conditions and circumstances that you would encounter in a particular match. That is what we did and that is what we now have to do for the Lord's Test

I'M delighted the rest of the country has now realised how good a player Tim Robinson is

The few of us involved with the tour of India last winter discovered what an asset he can be to English cricket, while he was scoring 160 in his second Test and averaging 63 in the series

Robbo has worked his own play out for himself. He knows what he can and cannot do and thinks deeply about his game

He is a phlegmatic character with a good sense of humour, and while he may not be one of the most boisterous members of the dressing room, I know he's enjoying being part of the England set-up.

He is doing more than his fair share at the moment for the team, but he is the type of player who has that hunger for runs which means he will never give anything away

Once he has reached one target, he'll set another, then another.

Stable opening partnerships are important for even the strongest of batting line-ups, and it would be nice to think that England may have found one

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I have no doubt they will, just as the football-loving public acts reasonably. But there is a minority preoccupied with aggression

Pray God and Lord's that fencing is never required to protect our cricketers, as it is elsewhere in the world

Anyone who strays onto the pitch in future must be caught and severely dealt with in court

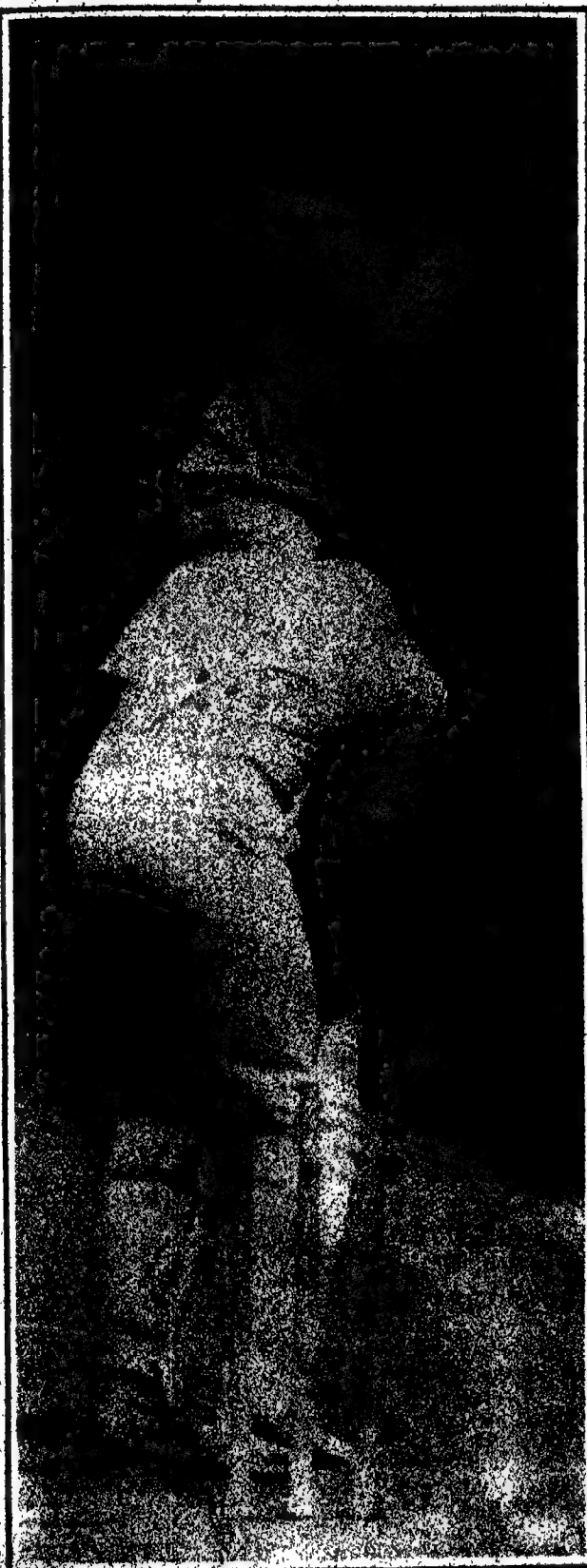
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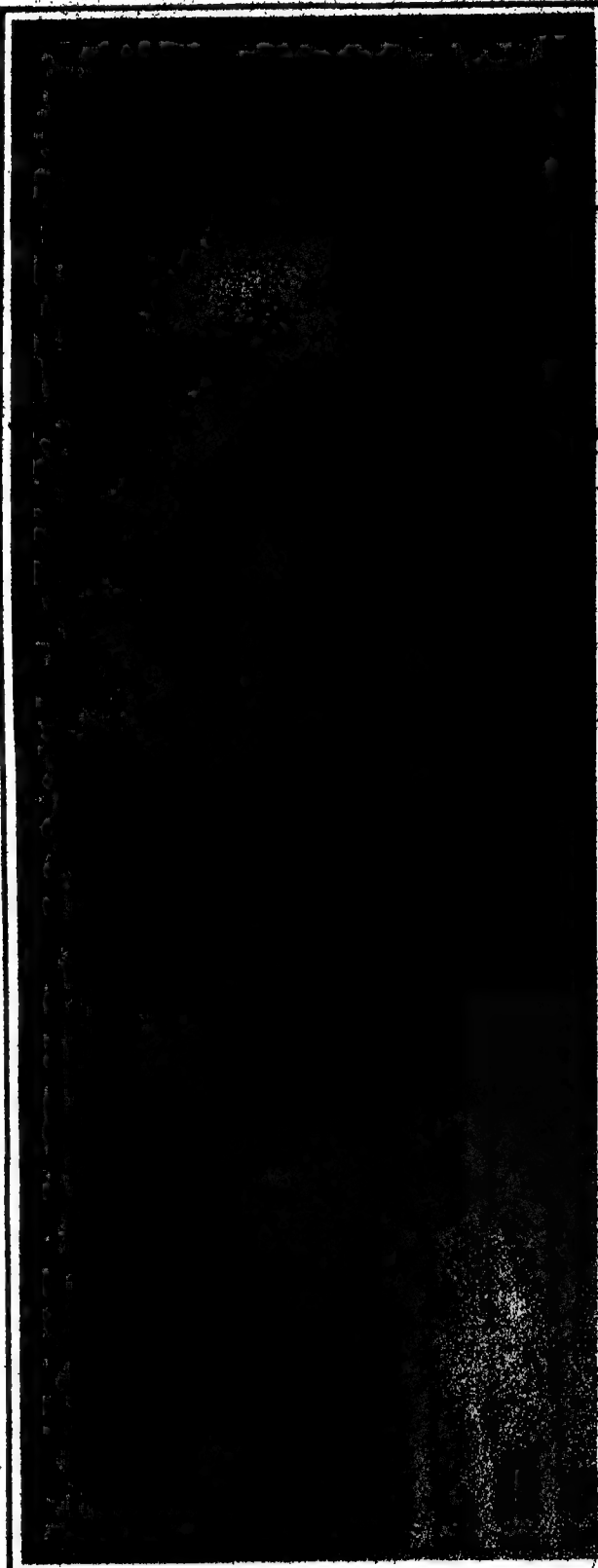
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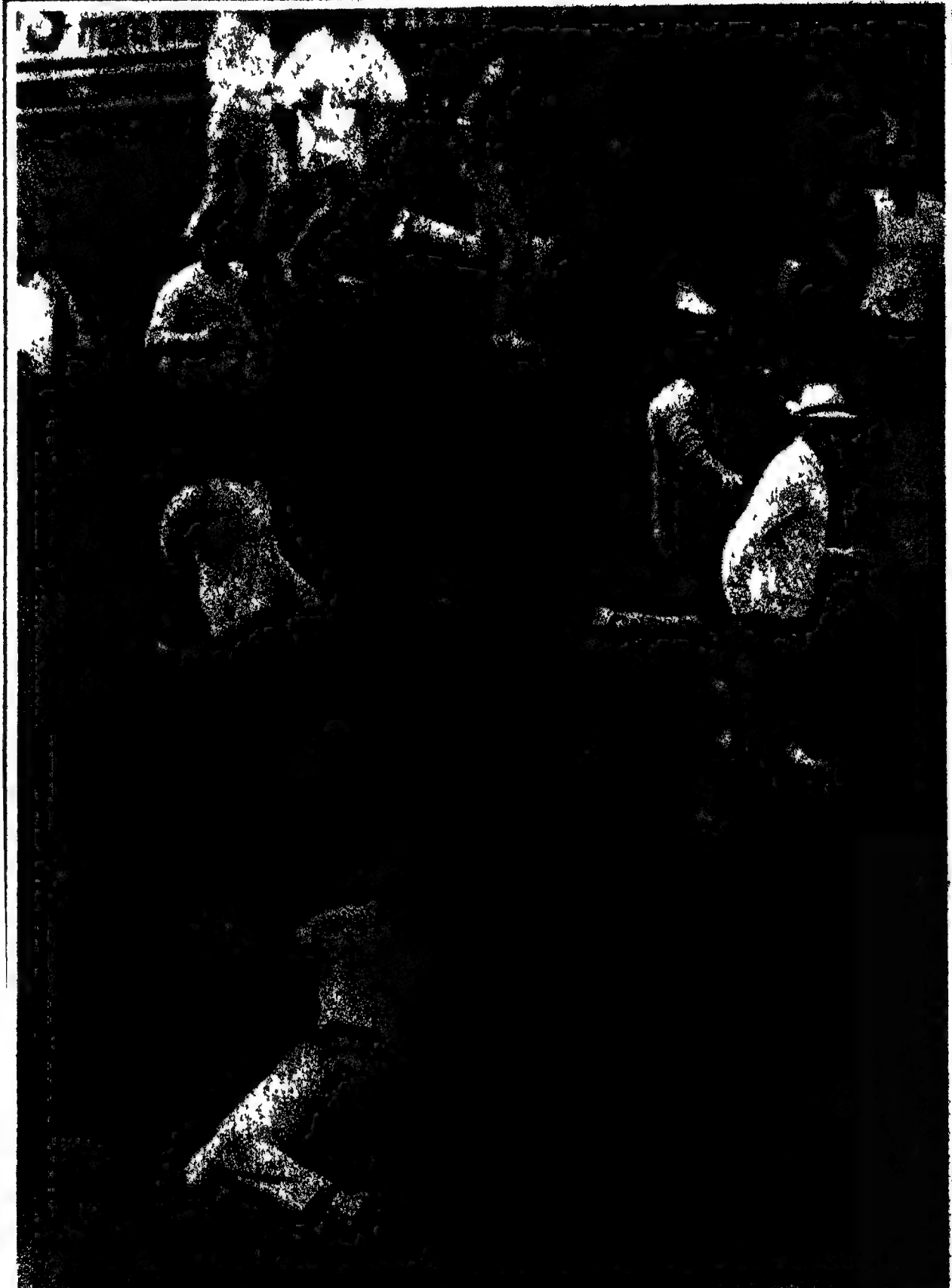
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Ian Botham bowls Craig McDermott for 18 to end
Australia's first innings for 331 runs



Australia's Greg Ritchie bottom-edges an attempted
hook onto his stumps and is out to Ian Botham
for 46 in the first innings



When Fans Turn Into Mad Dogs!...Geoff Lawson drops a sitter from a skied punt by Allan Lamb off Simon D'Donnell (right) as spectators rush onto the field. This dropped catch provided England the winning run.





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One-Up O'Donnell The Australian allrounder gets through Ian Botham's lazy, forward prod to knock the off stump off its base Botham, who otherwise made a brilliant return to Test cricket, made only 12 in the second innings



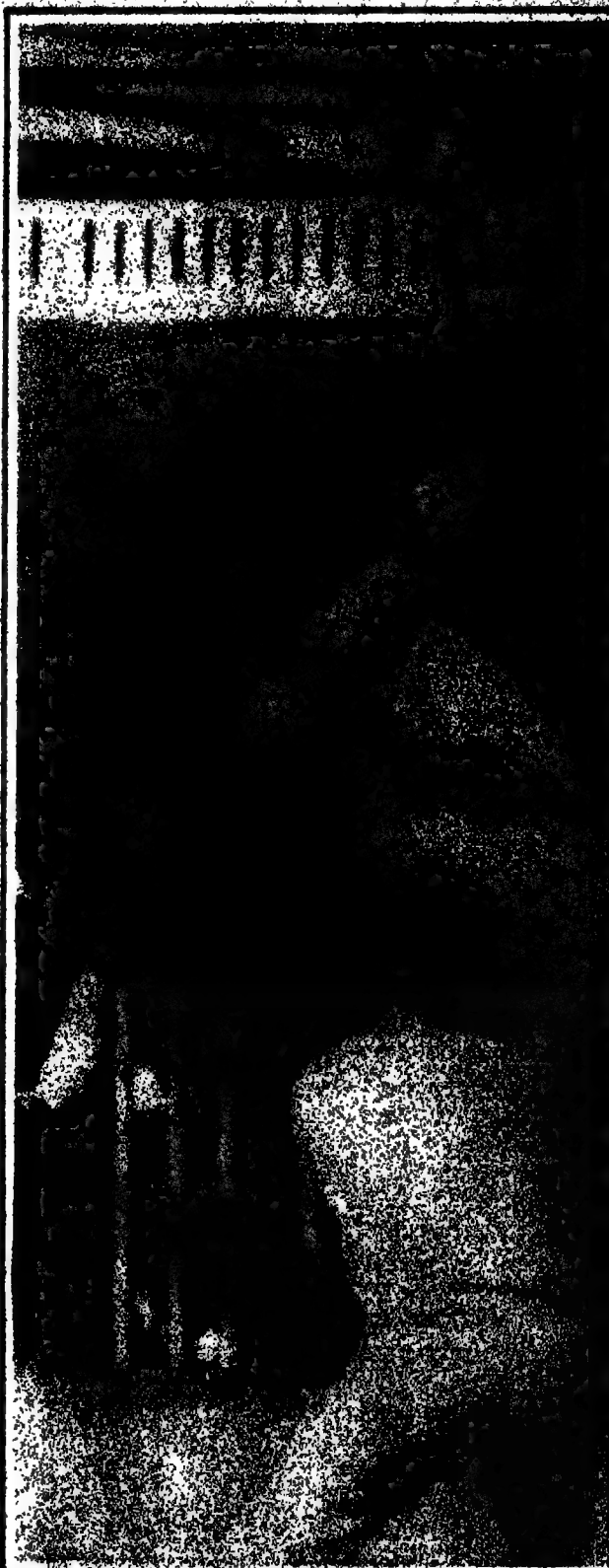
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Tim Robinson is bowled by Geoff Lawson for 21 in the second innings. Robinson's marathon 175 in the first innings earned him the Man of the Match award.



Ian Botham lifts Allan Border for one of his sixes during his first innings 60 for England. PICS: AP

3 wickets in 4 balls

ON June 14, 1985, the second day of the Headingley Test in the Yorkshire city of Leeds, Australia lost their last four wickets in the first innings for five runs in ten balls in a stunning post-lunch collapse England's Ian Botham being the principal destroyer with three of those wickets in four consecutive deliveries

Botham first induced a well-set Greg Ritchie, going strong on 46, to deflect an injudicious attempt at a hook-shot onto his stumps with the fourth ball of his 29th over, and then trapped Simon O'Donnell leg-before with his very next delivery – a first ball dismissal for poor Simon on his Test debut. Geoff Lawson managed to survive the last ball of the over to avert Botham's hat-trick. After Paul Allott disposed off Lawson at the other end, Botham brought the innings to an abrupt end by bowling Craig McDermott with the first ball of a fresh over.

When I heard this dramatic bit of Test history a little later in a BBC sports report (unfortunately no ball-by-ball commentary this year), memory at once winged back to Ravi Shastri's sensational Test debut at Wellington in February 1981, when he captured three wickets in four balls to terminate New Zealand's second innings with the third, fifth and sixth deliveries of his third and final over, in much the same way as he brought to an end the first in-

nings also by grabbing the last two wickets with successive balls – the first and sixth deliveries of his 28th over

It virtually amounted to the astounding fact that Ravi Shastri claimed five wickets in the space of just 20 deliveries, to finish with figures of three for 54 in 28 overs and three for nine in three overs on his first Test appearance. He had earlier taken his first Test wicket (Jeremy Coney) in his 18th over, at which stage he had conceded 40 runs. What a memorable start to a great career!

Of course, the bowling feat of taking three wickets in four balls is by no means a rare occurrence it has happened often enough it all began, significantly enough in August 1882 over a hundred years ago at The Oval in cricket history's ninth Test which gave birth to the legend of the 'The Ashes' when that demon Aussie fast bowler, FR Spofforth, ended England's second innings on 77 by capturing the last three wickets in four balls to give Australia a narrow seven-run victory, and 'The Sporting Times' came out the next morning with that famous Obituary, bemoaning the death of English Cricket, the body to be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia.

It was this self-same magnificent Spofforth, with his forbiddingly

saturnine visage and flashing eyes and a ferocious will to win, who had performed Test cricket's first-ever hat-trick three seasons earlier at the Melbourne in January 1879 (the third Test in the annals of cricket), and he was again to claim three wickets in four balls at Sydney in February 1885 in cricket history's 19th Test – all of them between England and Australia

In all, 15 howlers, seven Englishmen (Bates at Melbourne 1882-83, Briggs at Sydney 1891-92, Lohmann at Port Elizabeth 1895-96, Hearne at Headingly 1899, Allom at Christchurch 1929-30, Goddard at Johannesburg 1938-39, Loader at Headingly 1957), four Australians (Spofforth at Melbourne 1878-79, Trumble at Melbourne 1901-02 and again at Melbourne 1903-04, Matthews in each innings of Old Trafford 1912 Test, Kline at Cape Town 1957-58), two West Indians (Hall at Lahore 1958-59, Gibbs at Adelaide 1960-61), a South African (Griffin at Lord's 1960), and a New Zealander (Petherick at Lahore 1976-77) - have performed the hat-trick 17 times, Hugh Trumble and Matthews having done so twice.

In fact, the Aussie Tom Matthews holds an absolutely unique record. He is the only bowler to achieve a record claimed that 62% of the voters had cast their votes and more than 97% of the cast votes were in favour of Gen Zia being President of Pakistan and what had he to say about it. The answer was as anticipated. It was the greatest fraud, and people should be ashamed of the character of those involved. When his party decided to boycott the voting, a memo was issued, and it was made a cognizable offence, punishable with fine amounting to Rs 5 lakhs and three years rigorous imprisonment also.

Gen Zia claims that he is a man sent by God to rescue his people. It is his tall statement that he is the first leader to fulfill the purpose of Pakistan. His supporters say that sovereignty over the entire universe belongs to Allah alone, and his authority is exercised on earth by his chosen servant. It is a fact that if Pakistan breaks, it will not be because of the people or politicians, but because of the



Ravi Shastri... five wickets in the space of just 20 deliveries



TENNIS

By Beverley Grant

Lendl's Wimbledon year?



He may be poised to snatch the Wimbledon crown from Mac the Mouth, but smiling still isn't part of Ivan Lendl's game.

HE IS called the Iron Man of tennis, a former card-carrying communist who is now an unashamed capitalist. His accumulated winnings of more than £5 million are safely invested in property and other shrewd business deals.

But Ivan Lendl remains something of a mystery in tennis circles.

He has already unsettled his arch rival John McEnroe this year by winning three successive Nabisco Grand Prix titles in as many weeks on three different surfaces.

And now he looks likelier than anyone to snatch the Wimbledon crown from "Mac the Mouth."

Lendl has been nicknamed "Old Iron" by the sports writing

fraternity because of his reluctance to reveal anything about his private life, and his serious attitude both on and off the court.

Here then, are 20 facts about the enigmatic Czech that may surprise even the "experts".

1. He was born in the Moravian mining town of Ostrava, 12 miles from the Polish border, in March 1960. His parents were both outstanding players, - his father, Jari, was a lawyer with the Czech Tennis Federation, while his mother, Olga, reached the Number Two spot in the national rankings.
2. Young Ivan was taken to the tennis courts as a toddler. After tripping his pram over, his

mother tied him to the net post on a length of rope. He has been tied to the game ever since.

3. He played his first international for Czechoslovakia against Poland when he was 12.
4. He met fellow Czech champion Martina Navratilova for the first time when she was 16... and he was her ball boy at the Czech championships.
5. In 1979, his first full season as a professional, he rose to 25th on the Association of Tennis Professionals' computer.
6. A year later he was the most talked-about young pro on the tennis circuit. He played in 37



'Old Stone Face' Lendl contemplating the line of action for Wimbledon '85.

competitions and won seven tournaments, as well as leading his country to victory in the Davis Cup.

7. Outside tennis, his great love is golf. He plays left-handed regularly scores in the low 80s, and his great hero is Jack Nicklaus. "We're good pals," Lendl says. "We get together whenever our schedules permit and we give each other tips." He claims it is easier playing left-handed because "it feels right to play golf shots like a double-handed back hand."
8. Ivan is also a keen chess player. His father is a master of the game.
9. The Iron Man needs his beauty sleep - he is often out for the count for anything up to 15 hours and he explains: "It all depends where I've travelled and how many matches I've played. My theory is that if you sleep long enough to regain your physical strength - you'll do all right!"
10. Last year Lendl took a tip from Martina Navratilova and went on a special diet - no red meat, no fats, no salt, no eggs. It was devised by New York specialist Dr. Robert Haas and it had an almost immediate effect. Ivan said: "I feel great. I have a higher energy level and there is

no food I am missing. I used to have steak for lunch and dinner. Now I don't even like it."

11. Lendl does not tolerate fools gladly and has no mean intellect himself. He speaks six languages fluently and perfected his English by reading Agatha Christie novels.
12. ADIDAS, the world's leading sports goods company, use Lendl in an advertising campaign with the slogan, "When your name's Ivan, you can't afford to look terrible." They are the first to admit he is difficult to deal with - but they believe he is the best.
13. He neither smokes nor drinks and says: "That's why you won't find my name on the face of a packet of cigarettes or on the label of a bottle of booze."
14. He says he is not superstitious but will only use a racket once. Because, he says, he likes the tension to be the same every time and there is no way you can have that if you don't use newly-strung rackets.
15. The two players he admires most are Jimmy Connors and Bjorn Borg: Connors because he is still playing, although he is over 30, and Borg because he had the strength to say, at

26; "I don't enjoy it. The whole world can stand on its ears but I'm retiring."

16. Lendl is the only player who has warned John McEnroe not to try anything with him on court. McEnroe has not.
17. Sports writers may not agree, but Lendl says his tactics are more mental than physical. He says: "If I suspect my opponent knows something about me which I don't like then I try to think of some strategy which would inhibit him from using those tactics. If I fail, I have to get tougher in my play."
18. Last year he was ranked as Number One tennis player in the world because he had won 68 out of 81 matches the previous year. But he has never won the US Open - or Wimbledon.
19. Lendl says all he wants from life are happiness and satisfaction. "At present that manifests itself in tennis. Later it's going to be my family or, if I decide to do some other business or job, then it may be my work and my family together."
20. Ivan disagrees with the pundits who proclaim you should quit at your peak. He says: "I'll stop when I no longer enjoy the game."

WEEK ONE OF A CAPTIVATING NEW SERIES

THE GREAT FINALS

Borg walks a tightrope of high drama

Christopher Hilton recaptures Centre Court's greatest finals

JOHN McENROE stood for a long moment moving his body in gentle undulations to relax the muscles.

As he did, a dignified, sonorous English voice announced: "Six games all. The tie break now comes into operation."

McEnroe prepared to serve. As he stooped, he bounced the ball twice, just as he always did. He didn't need any announcement to tell him: Six games all, fourth set, Bjorn Borg leading two sets to one. The 1980 final would hinge on this tie-break.

Borg, restless on the base line as he waited, did a controlled tap dance - to relax the muscles.

McEnroe rose, his body now making the motions of a windmill in a storm, served, gasped with the effort. The ball went full and hard into the net.

The whole Centre Court exhaled. Borg returned the second service then tried a lob but McEnroe killed it mercilessly.

One-love to McEnroe.

Borg, his loose, cascading hair barely held captive by a white headband, his mournful face masked by a dark goatee beard, served and McEnroe thrust a backhand into the net "Yes!" the crowd cried.

One all.

Borg service: They were sucked into a rally, the pace building until McEnroe sliced a backhand into the net. He clutched his racket in both hands, pressed it against the side of his head. He was angry with himself.

Two-one to Borg

McEnroe service: He moved quickly to the net for the return, fashioned a perfect stop volley.

Two all.

McEnroe service: His bush of hair

overflowed his red headband, his face still had the plumpness of youth. The ball went fast down the centre line. Borg reached instinctively, could do no more than net it.

Two-three to McEnroe

Borg service: McEnroe came towards the net, spooned it across court - a winner. No. It was an inch



John McEnroe... ferocious service

wide. He clamped his right hand over his mouth.

Three all

Borg service: It went deep, raised a sudden flurry of chalk. McEnroe reached for it and his forced backhand went out.

Four-three to Borg

McEnroe service: He gasped with the effort again. It was a ferocious service wide to Borg's backhand. Borg's whole body was drawn. He hit it. Too long.

Four all.

McEnroe service: They rallied, thrusting, probing and Borg tried to pass him on the right. McEnroe, at the net like a predator, lunged. The ball struck the tip of his racket, went back over the net. Out.

Five-four to Borg.

Borg service: McEnroe returned. Borg scooped the ball off his feet but straight to McEnroe who played a table tennis backhand smash, all wrist into an empty acre of court. He walked away, urgently lifting and dipping his head, saying to himself: "Yes, yes, yes."

Five all.

Borg service: It was heavy with top spin and rose, snarling at McEnroe, forcing him to play an awkward backhand on tip-toe. Borg drove across the baseline, making him hit the return limply into the net.

Six-five to Borg. Championship point!

McEnroe service: He stood away, lazily bouncing a ball, composing himself. The same sonorous voice said: "Quiet, please."

McEnroe served deep, Borg's flowing forehand sent it back and McEnroe, there at the net, chipped it over. Borg was nowhere. Helplessly he watched the ball die in a series of small bounces.

Six all

McEnroe serve Borg passed him with a powerful two-handed back-hand McEnroe grunted

Seven six to Borg Championship point!

Borg service A McEnroe back-hand had him leaping and lunging off balance and as he hit the ball into the net he pirouetted on one foot, fell and rolled on his back

Seven all

Borg service McEnroe returned Borg chipped McEnroe hammered it back past him, an absolute winner McEnroe, half crouched clenched his fists Yes, yes, yes

Eight seven to McEnroe Set point!

McEnroe service It went to Borg's forehand, Borg smashed at it, McEnroe stretched, missed it fell heavily, face down, splayed, his racket discarded in the fall He stood shook his head No, no no

Eight all

McEnroe service He killed Borg's high backhand return

Nine eight to McEnroe Set point!

Borg service It lifted, McEnroe returned it so tamely that Borg tucked it safely away down the line

Nine all

Borg service McEnroe suddenly didn't control his backhand and it sailed unmolested, high and out

Ten nine to Borg Championship point!

McEnroe service: It sliced across Borg, he sensed it was low, struck at it with that two-handed back-hand, but it went wide

Ten all

McEnroe service Borg tried to pass him, but McEnroe was already at the net The ball clipped the rim of his racket, flew on past him McEnroe turned away, his face torment and anguish

Eleven ten to Borg Championship point!

Borg service They rallied and McEnroe played a gentle backhand - it was never intended to be a winner

It thumped the top of the net, dribbled over Borg - stranded, impotent - watched

Eleven all

Borg service. It pushed McEnroe wide to the right on the baseline, Borg chipped the return to the left, McEnroe set off in mad pursuit, just reached it. Hit it into the net.

HOW THE TIE-BREAK WORKS

A TIE-BREAK comes into operation when a set reaches six games all. The player who would have served in the thirteenth game serves first. He serves once. After that, each player serves twice consecutively. The winner is the first to reach seven points, but if the score goes to six points all, two clear points are needed to win.

Twelve 11 to Borg Championship point!

McEnroe service It went to Borg's forehand, Borg returned it straight to him and he volleyed it into the open court

Twelve all

McEnroe service Borg returned it and moved towards the centre of the court but McEnroe twisted contorted his body and placed the ball exactly where Borg had been standing

Thirteen 12 to McEnroe Set point!

Borg service It trapped McEnroe on the baseline and his backhand passing shot went into the net

Thirteen all

Borg service McEnroe reached a long way on his backhand cut it back and Borg, running hard towards the net netted it

Fourteen 13 to McEnroe Set point!



Bjorn Borg... Wimbledon champ for the fifth time

McEnroe service He had Borg at full stretch, knew Borg would have to return it to the middle of the court. McEnroe got there at the same instant as the ball, despatched it with a forehand prod. It was just too wide

Fourteen all

McEnroe service Borg returned, McEnroe - still the predator at the net - pushed it softly over, out of reach

Fifteen 14 to McEnroe Set point!

Borg service It danced down the line and McEnroe lost concentration, hit his backhand return wide - not far wide but wide

Fifteen all

Borg service Borg lifted McEnroe's return a slow tantalising backhand across the court. McEnroe sprinted the width of the court to get it, played a devastating forehand down the line at full gallop. Borg was nowhere. McEnroe raised his arms, fists clenched. Yes, yes, yes

Sixteen 15 to McEnroe Set point!

McEnroe service Borg sent it straight back at him but McEnroe spooned a simple backhand out

Sixteen all

McEnroe service Borg whipped a forehand towards the edge of the court, McEnroe had no chance. A clean winner. No, it was out - not far out, but out

Seventeen 16 to McEnroe Set point!

Borg service His head dipped, he bounced the ball seven times. He was ready. He served down the line, McEnroe lifted a backhand and Borg came at it, tried to flick a forehand just over the net

It went low into the net

Fourth set to McEnroe!

There was no jubilation on either face as they moved off towards the chairs. No smile, even. It had exhausted and stunned both

Borg came back, took the fifth set and his fifth Wimbledon title.

THE GREAT FINALS

Virginia's finest hour

By Christopher Hilton

SHE DROVE from her flat in Belgravia. She drove an ageing unremarkable Rover, just one of many cars moving through south west London towards Wimbledon.

On that journey she had time to reflect. Months before when the season was beginning, she'd talked with friends and said maybe she'd never win the one she wanted most of all from 15 years of trying.

One of those friends - Jerry Teeguarden who was coaching her - said bluntly: 'Well if you feel like that, what are you bothering to play at all for?' Virginia Wade replied: 'OK but this could be my last chance.'

Now just after 11 a.m. on Friday July 1, 1977 she drove carefully towards the final. She felt stiff. That was the lingering after-effect of her gruelling semi-final where she had beaten Chris Evert. It would pass.

She knew, as she drove, that she would have to face one of the most emotional moments in all British sport.

It was the year of the Queen's Jubilee and for once the nation was at peace with itself.

And Ginny was in the final, Ginny so essentially English, polite, elegant, diffident, adored at Wimbledon and far beyond.

She knew the Queen would be there, in the royal box. She parked the car, went to the players' restaurant. She made herself eat because she knew she would be hungry when she played. She struggled to get through a salad. For her it was an ordinary ritual.

She was ready. She went to a small room - rather like a doctor's waiting room - and sat. From this room she would go out on to the Centre Court.

Beside her sat her opponent Betty Stove from Rotterdam, 6ft 1in, powerful enough to blast anybody with all that strength from her

They said little. They forced pleasuries. Wade remembers that. You didn't even feel like passing the time of day.

Then they were called.

Virginia Wade appeared and 'the sound was a shock. The place erupted. I walked through the door and everyone erupted.'

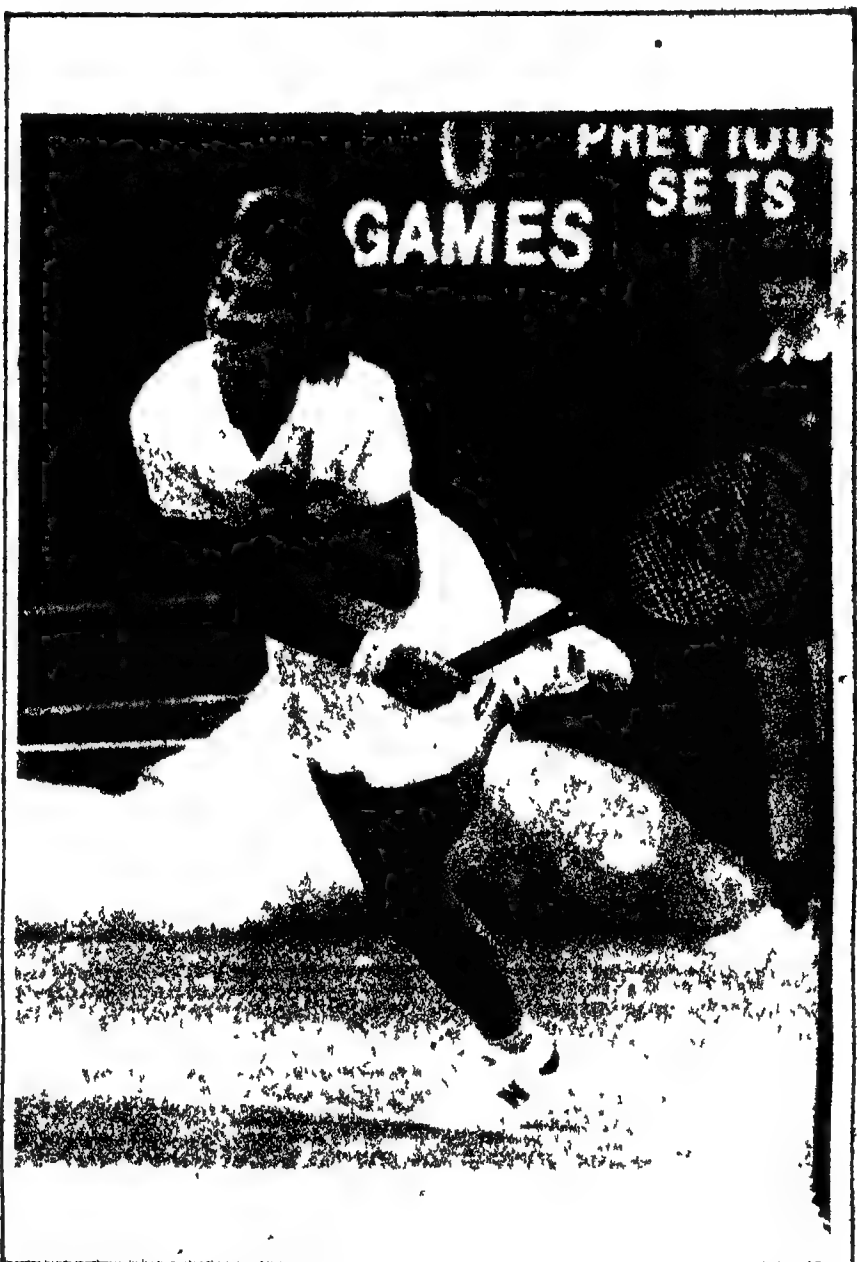
It was as if the 14,000 on Centre

Court, having decided to surrender to emotion, now surrendered totally.

And the Queen, in pink check coat as hat, watched.

Virginia Wade sat alone for a long time. She had disciplined herself to concentrate with such ferocity that it was close to meditation.

Then they began. Wade seemed



Virginia Wade... went into a trance, drawing on all those long years of being a good tennis player.

nervous. Stove seemed awesome, driving Wade all around the court. Her game was of the utmost simplicity. She hit winners or she hit losers. Now she was hitting winners.

She lead 5-4 and served for the first set. She double-faulted. Uproar. She clamed herself. She could feel "the crowd trying to pull Virginia round." She volleyed and won, volleyed and won again.

First set to Miss Stove, 6-4!

It had lasted precisely 37 minutes.

At that instant, Virginia Wade was certainly the calmest person at Wimbledon. She was absolutely certain she would win.

Nothing which had happened in that first set had altered anything. No matter that the crowd thought her nervous. She wasn't.

She served first in the second set. Three service winners - just like that. Now Stove served. It went to deuce and Stove volleyed into the net. Wade two games up. She held her service. Wade three games up.

The crowd were being drawn on a rack. "The strangest situation on emotional occasions is that the crowd are very *hyper* and at tense moments they go absolutely silent. That is stunning."

Wade could have been four up -

Stove double-faulted and Wade was just a point away. But it didn't happen. Stove served a winner 3-1.

And Stove broke Wade's service after Wade's concentration had been upset when the umpire overruled a linesman who called a Stove forehand out.

Would Wade crack?

Stove started blasting again on her own service. 3-3. Wade thought very clearly: This is it. She dug deep into herself, drew on all those long years of being a very good tennis player. And suddenly everything went right.

She took the seventh, eighth and ninth games.

Second set to Miss Wade, 6-3!

The third set ought to have been another turn of the rack. But those last three games of the second set had created an impetus all of their own.

"The first game of the third, I got really rolling, the adrenalin was flowing like mad. The crowd were roaring and roaring."

"I went into a trance. She was getting smaller and smaller all the time and I was getting bigger. I could actually feel the adrenalin because the ball was getting bigger and bigger, too."

Stove was brushed aside. From somewhere inside the trance, Wade smiled repeatedly at the

crowd. She went 4-0 up. Stove clawed one game back - but she was broken. Some made four horrific errors, 5-1.

The Queen took out her gloves and put them on, ready for the presentation.

Stove served. At 15-30 she hammered a forehand volley into the net. 15-40. Two match points to Wade.

Stove "hit a really good volley. I was so hyped up I thought I could do anything. I ran for it, hit a forehand. I slipped, I went bang on the floor!" 30-40.

Stove served. Wade hit it on the forehand and she knew it was a winner. It went down the line.

Game set and match to Miss Wade, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1!

Wade leapt into the air and for a fleeting fraction of a second her face was contorted with triumph and release. She ran wildly to the net to shake hands.

In the royal box the Duchess of Kent gave a two-handed victory salute.

The roaring turned to singing. Land of Hope and Glory.

They rolled the carpet out, lined up the ball boys, let the photographers arrange themselves. Now the crowd were singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" And "Rule Britannia."

The Queen came down, and the tumult grew and grew. She spoke. "The noise was so great that honestly I didn't hear what she said."

Then Wade held up the salver. That was the great moment.

There were two others, but they were more private and even more touching. Neither concerned Virginia Wade. Stove, forgotten already, went back to the dressing room. She remembers that: "A certain Mrs. Fraser was very kind and made me a cup of tea."

The British are like that. It touched Betty Stove a great deal.

She lingered. "I didn't really want to go to the 'champions' dinner. When I left the All England clubhouse about 9.30 that night, there were still about 40 people waiting."

As I got into the car they sang. For She's a Jolly Good Fellow to me.

And she was driven off. It must have been a lonely journey. She might have sensed that she would always be remembered as a loser. And Virginia Wade a winner.



Virginia Wade... she could not have picked a more perfect time for glory

An occasion to cherish

By P.N. Sundaresan

THE Tamil Nadu Cricket Association's thoughtful gesture to honour the six living members of the Madras team which played the inaugural Ranji Trophy championship match against Madras in 1934 provided relief to the general routine of the fifty-fifth Annual Day celebrations of the Association held at the Chidambaram Stadium on June 16

The historic occasion, considering the magnificent proportions to which the championship had grown in 52 years, has also proved to be an unique one, as the match started and ended in a single day on November 4, with Madras registering an innings victory

As octogenarian C Ramaswamy and the five septugenarians - M J Gopalan, A G Ram Singh, P S Ramachandran, A V Krishnaswami and S V T Chari ambled up the dais cautiously to receive mementoes from Mr Bansi Lal, the Union Railways Minister who presided, members in the audience of my generation, who had seen that inaugural match and had savoured of their cricket in their heydeys, were visibly moved

Left-handed Ramaswamy, the third son of the late Buchi Babu Naidu, patron-saint of Madras cricket, physically strong to wield a very heavy bat, used to scatter the bowling with his daring strokeplay, which made him quite popular with the crowd

If Ramu had been playing today he would be an automatic choice for the one-day internationals. That he had built this propensity to attack on sound technique Ramu demonstrated in no uncertain fashion when he played excellent knocks against the cream of English bowling in two Tests during the 1936 tour. A disciplinarian who never tried to mince words Ramu also represented India in Davis Cup tennis

A rough all-rounder as he started his first class cricket Gopalan, who bowled fast-medium, had among his victims the famous English opening pair of Jack Hobbs and Herbert Sutcliffe. On the fast Chepauk pitch, he clean bowled both of them. By the time of his exit from the field in the fifties, Gopalan had grown into a sophisticated cricketer, whose performances were building up his

popularity among the public. Gopalan also represented India in hockey. In the inaugural Ranji match he took three for 20 in the Mysore second innings

After providing what has turned out to be a most auspicious start to the championship by delivering the first ball Gopalan stepped aside, so to say, to allow Ram Singh to take over and lead his teams to an innings victory with his left-arm spin bowling

For this Ram Singh deserves a special pat in addition to the

Singh opening the bowling with Gopalan in both Mysore innings and running through the batting. Ramachandran did not get a chance to bowl at all. A rather strange debut for him!

A V Krishnaswamy was a fine striker of the ball with a penchant for the book strokes. He opened the innings and straightway went into his strokes. The brilliant manner in which he punished the Bombay bowlers to score 85 runs in the final in 193 made critics remark that A V should have been in the Indian



A joyous reunion for the old stalwarts. From left M.J. Gopalan, S. Chari, C Ramaswamy, A G Ram Singh, P S. Ramachandran and A.V. Krishnaswami

memento. Ram Singh followed with 11 for 159 and 74 and 70 runs in the next tie against Hyderabad and was the second player to register the double of 100 wickets and 1000 runs in the championship

Ramachandran was next only to Gopalan as a fast medium bowler, and his day even a shade better, as he showed in the final against Bombay in 1936. He was the first bowler to gather all the 10 wickets in the Madras league against the Triplicane Cricket Club

Ramachandran went up to receive the memento in a typical Tamilian style with a dhoti, shirt and upper cloth, which reminded one of the many occasions he would saunter into the ground similarly dressed and then change over to cricket attire. With Ram

team, which sailed for England immediately after the match. In the inaugural tie A V scored nine runs

S V T Chari was a courageous wicket-keeper and astonished everybody by standing up to Nissar and Amar Singh against Ryder's team at Chepauk. Rather unorthodox in style, Chari was first and very quick. He helped Ram Singh to get four wickets in the inaugural match

Incidentally, the six "venerables" as R B Alagunan, who welcomed the gathering, called them, represented the three top teams in Madras of their days: Ramaswami and Ramachandran (Mylapore Recreation Club), Gopalan, Krishnaswami and Chari (Triplicane Cricket Club) and Ram Singh (Minerva Club). When he played against each other there was always a big crowd

Fifty thousand pounds for a record breaker

Britain finally seems to be waking up to the shortage of world record breaking athletes. Before Coe, Ovett, Cram and Daley Thompson get it wrong, what is being mooted is that not British athlete has set a world record in Britain, lately.

To provide the necessary incentive to athletes in old Blighty, a champagne firm, Mummm, have offered £50,000 to anybody who breaks a world record in Britain. The conditions are that the record must be set by a Briton in Britain in any recognised Olympic event plus the mile. And it must occur in one of the 11 televised meetings organised by the British athletics promotions unit. In other words, Mummm is making sure that the whole world will know if they lose this £50,000 gamble.

And with athletes like Seb Coe, Steve Ovett, Steve Cram, Tessa Anderson, Fatima Whitbread, Daley Thompson and Zola Budd in the

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hunt, it would appear that Mummm would have to keep their word, before the season is out. Until you look at the record book, that is.

For, only six records have been set in the United Kingdom since Roger Bannister ducked under four minutes 31 years ago!

Decathlon king Daley Thompson admitted: "I could do with the money. I hope to do it in August."

And Fatima Whitbread is looking forward to her javelin clash with Olympic champion Tessa Anderson and world champion Tina Lillak of Finland on July 6 and 7. She said: "Maybe that is the one where the record will go."

So the race for the booty is on.

Ovett disappoints fans

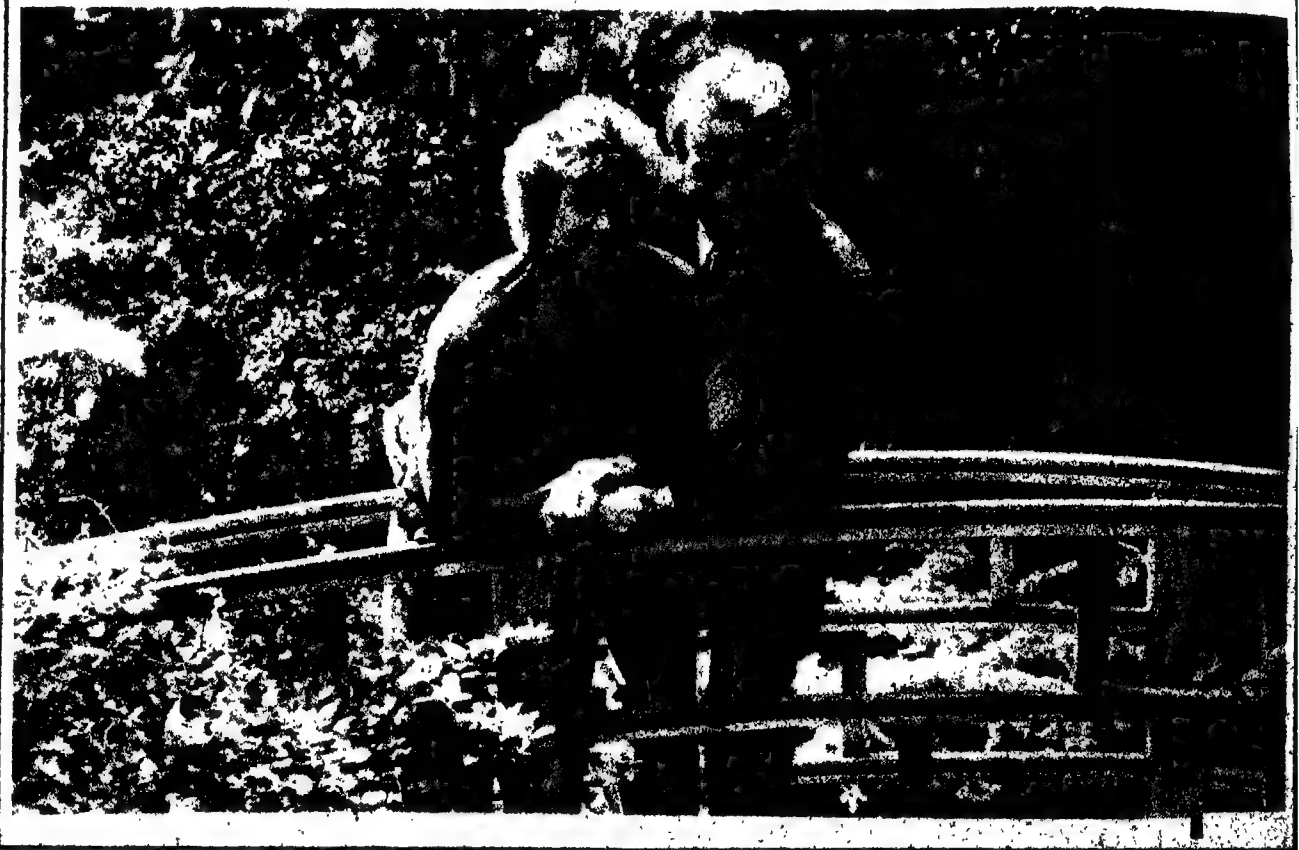
STEVE Ovett stands accused of letting down the fans by not turning up for the Southern Counties 1,800 metres final at Crystal Palace. A couple of days earlier, he had recorded the fastest time of the year - 3 mins 38.51 sec - but was peeved when inept organisation

kept him hanging around for long periods after that. As a consequence he decided to give the finals a skip.

"Quite frankly, racing did not appeal to me," said the candid Ovett, a man of few words. And who can argue with the logic of one of the biggest names in world athletics.



Steve Ovett



Golden girl Chris, winner of the 1985 French Open women's singles title, pictured with her husband John Lloyd on the Roof Gardens in Kensington, London.

A noble gesture indeed

THE late Dattu Phadkar was a champion cricketer — and a great friend — as S.V. Kadam, former secretary of the Bombay Cricket Association will testify.

The two, Phadkar and Kadam were bosom pals and the latter quite naturally was shocked when he heard of Phadkar's sad demise. More so because he had received a letter from Phadkar's wife that he was recovering well after his operation and that he was to be discharged in a couple of days.

Phadkar did not survive, but a little later, Kadam got a surprise when he was notified that his friend had left him Rs.7,000 in his will. Realising Phadkar's excellent service to Indian cricket, Kadam decided that instead of retaining the money, it would be more appropriate to add a little more to the capital and commemorate Phadkar's services by instituting a cash award for the outstanding cricketer in the Ranji Trophy from Bombay out of the interest derived from that capital.

Kadam added Rs.3000 from his own pocket and now this amount is kept in fixed deposit by the BCA. In addition, Kadam has decided to donate this year's cash award of Rs. 1,200 over and above the contribution he made towards the fund. The recipient for 1985 is Ravi Shastri.

Dattu Phadkar may have died but his memory lingers on.

Thank you S.V. Kadam.

Wimbledon seedings, a matter of joke

IT seems that the clowns have arrived before the circus comes to London. The Wimbledon seedings, by common census, are a joke and those who dreamed up the banal idea of nominating Martina Navratilova and Chris Lloyd as joint number one seeds must have had their minds on more important matters like how much is the tube fare from Charing Cross to Wimbledon.

What a decision of the seeding committee means in effect is that they expect Navratilova and Chris Lloyd to play forever in the final because according to them neither should beat the other.



Most groundsmen dream of making perfect cricket pitches and tennis courts and maintaining it well throughout a busy season. This Auto-Roller could be an answer to their problems.

They don't care for prize money!

THERE is an overriding feeling not just in this country but all over the world that sportsmen and women try to squeeze as much loot out of public and sponsors as possible with the least amount of energy.

While it may be true of some or even most sportfolk, what is encouraging is the attitude of some people. Specially some young people.

Tennis ace Pam Shriver, ranked fifth in the world said that the last thing she considered as she suc-

cessfully defended a title for the first time in her career was the £16,500 prize money that went with the Edgbaston Cup. "I was just playing tennis and trying to keep the Cup," she admitted.

Seventeen-year-old Boris Becker was overjoyed that his mum and dad nipped over from Germany to see him triumph in the Stella Artois tennis tournament. "The money (£25,437) does not mean much to me at my age. All I want is to win."

What a pleasure it is to see that some professionals actually ENJOY playing the game.

THE SPORTING LIFE



FAMOUS LAST WORDS:

So what if I'm too sick to attend the Little League player draft..I'm sure I can trust the other managers to be fair when they pick players for me..

WEEK TWO OF THE ALLAN LAMB STORY

Why I'd like Gower to be a killer



David Gower...a fine skipper, but he needs to be more demonstrative

THE MEASURE of David Gower as a man is that not once during last summer did he complain. I spent a number of evenings with him, some after disastrous days on the field, yet he never moaned. I admired him for that.

Even on the roughest days when he really knew we were done for, he did not let the situation get him down, at least not in front of the rest of us. He remained reasonably cheerful and optimistic.

Those of us who were with him in Pakistan when he took over as skipper after Bob Willis fell ill and returned home early, saw many ingredients which would make him a successful captain once he had more experience.

He had done a very good job earlier, rallying a sick and shell-shocked side that could easily have been overwhelmed and torn apart when newspapers at home were printing every rumour to come out of New Zealand.

We all recognised that the tour was likely to be Willis's last as captain with age creeping up on him. Towards the end of the New Zealand leg, the speculation began to mount as to whether David would be his successor as seemed likely, having been vice-captain. One or two in the party expressed doubts.

But those doubts were swept away once David assumed command and showed full authority. We were all able to relax a little more than under Bob, who became wound up at Test match times through his desire to win.

David listened to advice from senior players and was always approachable, sometimes putting it into practice, sometimes working on schemes of his own. He was never afraid to ask for help, which was another good sign.

Too many I have known have gone their own way, stubbornly refusing to seek assistance or dis-

could possible alternative action with others in case it was seen as a sign of weakness.

During those two Test matches in Pakistan and the final one-day international which we won easily in Karachi, David also showed a spark of imagination, a touch of adventure and a willingness to gamble. This was typical of a player who bats the way he does. Such qualities are not often found among bowlers who are captains.

David is not a demonstrative person. He gets upset by fools—as he did at Edgbaston in the first Test last year when he stopped to challenge a spectator who was trying to be funny at his expense as he walked back through the members towards the dressing-room—and when getting out to poor deliveries. But he does not shout, scream or bawl.

In fact, it might just help him and the side if he did let rip now and again. He probably needs to show a little more of the killer instinct—and get the whole side to do the same.

The one great advantage he enjoyed in Pakistan was that he was

able to lead from the front in scoring his 152 in the second Test in Faisalabad, when he should have been in bed through ill-health, and his undefeated 176 in the second innings of the final Test in Lahore.

Who could do other than give his all for a guy who had performed like that?

Those two performances eased a worry in the minds of many people about David as captain. Bob Willis had expressed the fear two or three times that the burden of leadership might affect David's form just when he was proving himself world-class. If anything, the leadership strengthened his resolve to make runs in Pakistan when he curbed some shots he might otherwise have attempted.

On the '82-'83 Australian tour, he soon realised that he would have to knuckle down as vice-captain. He was brilliant. He set the pattern in the first Test in Perth when a century looked certain as he scored 72 not out of a 95-run second-wicket partnership with Chris Tavare until a diving catch at square leg by John Dyson ended his stay.

He scored a century in the third Test in Adelaide and really went to town in the one-day series with three centuries. The best was his 158 out of our 267 for six against New Zealand in Brisbane. His third half-century in that innings took only 29 balls, during which he twice sent Richard Hadlee over long leg for six with superbly-timed pick-up shots off his legs.

He followed that by taking two centuries off the New Zealanders during the four-match Test series in 1983. So by the time the West Indies series arrived, he had proven our most consistent batsman for almost a two-year period.

But not even Gower can win them all and keep going without some change in fortune.

Bob had it taped

I SHALL always be grateful to Bob Willis for the support he gave me. As the start of my England career coincided with his appointment as captain, there will always be a strong bond between us.

I found Bob very good at getting people to work for him. He could always motivate me. The sight of him running in on those long gangly legs for mile after mile, which left him gasping for air as he strove for an England victory, was all the inspiration I needed.

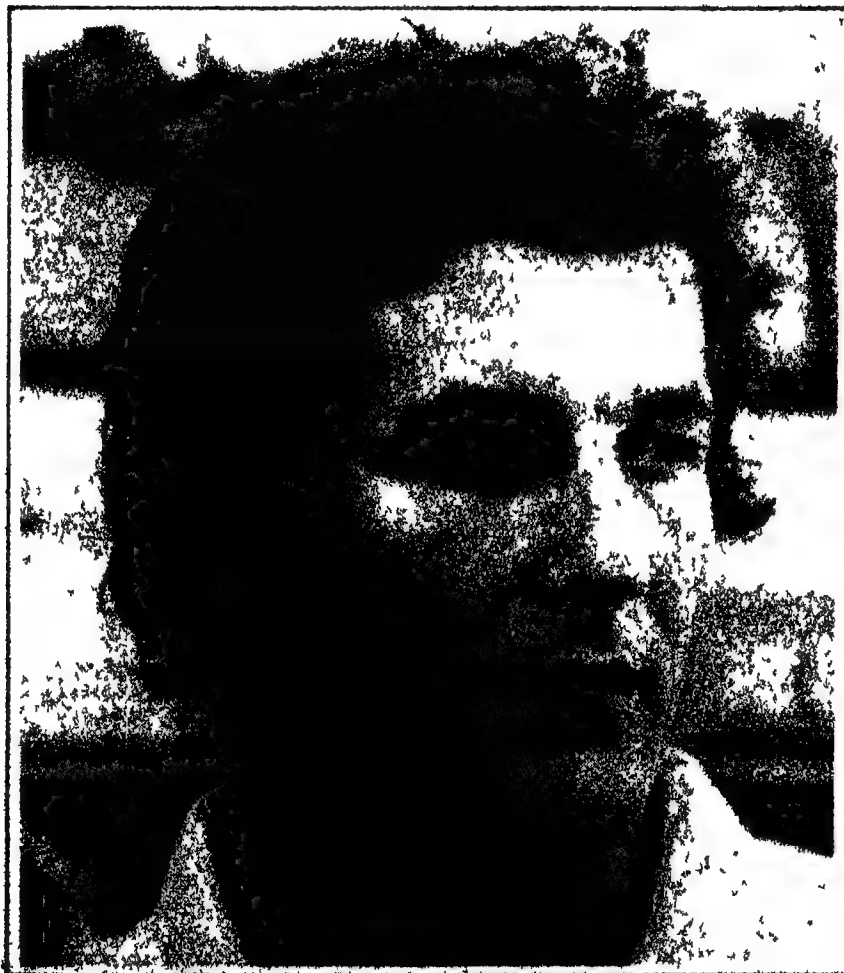
He could grow tense and a little tetchy at Test match times, seemingly unable to relax without the aid of hypnotherapy. He played hypnosis tapes made by a friend in Australia. They analysed his problems and gave him confidence.

Bob would play them mainly in the evenings to help him wind down and get to sleep.

During the '82-'83 Aussie tour he introduced Chris Tavare to the tapes, hoping they would help Chris relax at Test times and unfreeze him at the wicket so that he could score as well as survive.

Considering the pressure he was under in being both England's one and only out-and-out quick bowler and captain, Bob did a good job. Having to bowl fast and lead was a handicap and was probably asking too much of an international captain.

When he was actually bowling he poured all his concentration and effort into getting the ball down the other end as effectively as possible in between overs during his spells.



Bob Willis, as a captain he was very good at getting people to work for

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he was too concerned in getting his strength back for his next six ball burst to be able to give his mind freely to what was going on

At those times he relied on David and Ian Botham to make the adjustments in the field as they thought fit which they did. But anything major was a problem because of the difficulty in communicating with someone often 100 yards away

It was a great pity that Bob did not always get the fast bowling help from the other end he desperately needed to take the strain off his own shoulders

Considering that Graham Dilley made his Test debut in Australia in 1979 it was not often that Dilley and Willis teamed up as a fast bowling spearhead. One or other of them seemed to be unfit

I have gained the impression from talking to Dilley and Norman Cowans and listening to other people that too much has been expected from them at times. Too many people have tried to offer them advice

The first major essential for a fast bowler is a basic speed as Dennis Lillee once told Dilley getting the ball from one end of the pitch to the other as quickly as possible. It surely does not matter how ugly and ungainly the action

Magic of 'Percy'...

SOME players of course just do not help themselves and seem quite satisfied with their lot at county level

That is why it was so magical to have Pat (Percy) Pocock back in the dressing room during the West Indies series. Even at 37 he was still a great enthusiast

That fourth Test at Old Trafford might easily have been his first in stead of his 18th gained 17 years after making his first appearance for England

I was particularly glad to see him walk into the Old Trafford dressing room on the day before the Test. I told him 'Do you realise, Percy that if you had not been recalled for this match I would have been the old man of this side? And I do not consider myself old at 30

After the first day of the game, when the West Indians had recovered to 273 for five, with Gordon

Greenidge and Dujon scoring centuries, and Percy had gone wicketless through two very tight and economical spells, I can remember him muttering to himself as he changed

I refuse to get depressed I refuse to cry I'm going to enjoy myself in this match and I'm going to walk out of this dressing room smiling. He thoroughly deserved the four wickets he took on the second day

He was not so successful with the bat, failing to score in his first four innings back for England. This brought him some ribbing

It also explained he said why he carried a rather battered cricket suitcase around with him for all his cricketing gear rather than the normal regulation sized coffin used by most players. It allows people to take the mickey out of my case rather than out of me or my batting he said

Percy deserved a run for his effort in the first innings at The Oval



Pat Pocock...refused to get depressed after another wicketless day

when he went in as No. 3, acting a night watchman towards the end of the first day

He stayed around for 45 minutes on the second morning against the new ball attack and could not have been encouraged by seeing Graeme Fowler forced off injured when struck on an arm by Malcolm Marshall

It was Marshall who got him in the end as Percy attempted to avoid a bouncer only to edge the catch to slip. It was a nasty ball and not the first bouncer Percy had had to contend with

His brave stay earned him a tribute from Paul Downton when he finally arrived back in the dressing room. I must say Percy said Paul, that's the finest duck I've ever seen

I was partnering Percy at Lord's against Sri Lanka when he finally got off the Test mark that summer. It was a single that Percy greeted as if he had just completed a century on a run which brought the entire England team out on to the balcony to applaud

It showed how Percy, a non stop talker, had fitted in so well with a group of players who had not even played for England when he was last in the side

My century was still a couple of runs away when he walked out to join me at the fall of the eighth wicket. I knew he was desperate to get a run and I told him I would play for him

I'll take all the strike for a while because just staying around in the middle will give you confidence. Just you tell me when you are ready, I said

For a couple of overs I did just that until I could sense that Percy was feeling at home. I took a single off the fifth ball of an over to inch a step nearer my century, expecting Percy to block the sixth to allow me the strike

The field spread out a little to cut off runs and keep Percy under pressure. But he managed to squeeze the ball into a gap and came charging down the wicket. I wasn't quite expecting that but got home safely enough

"Sorry about that," said Percy later, "but when I saw there was a run in it I couldn't resist going for it"

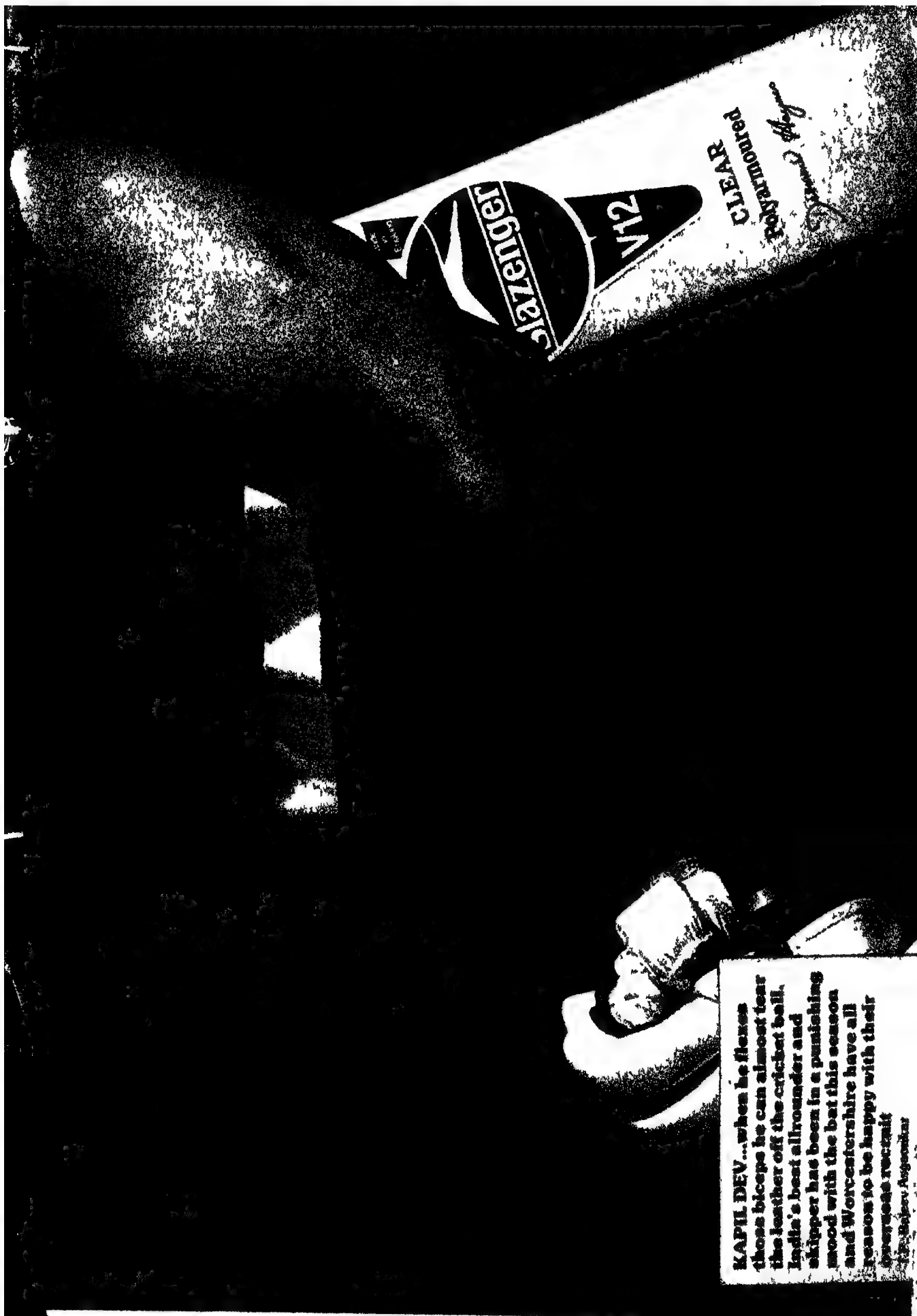
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KAPIL DEV...when he flexes those biceps he can almost tear the leather off the cricket ball. India's best allrounder and skipper has been in a punishing mood with the bat this season and Worcestershire have all reason to be happy with their overseas recruit

by Mike Houghton

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Han Jian belies all expectations

Vintage power from behind the Bamboo Curtain

By Deep Smash

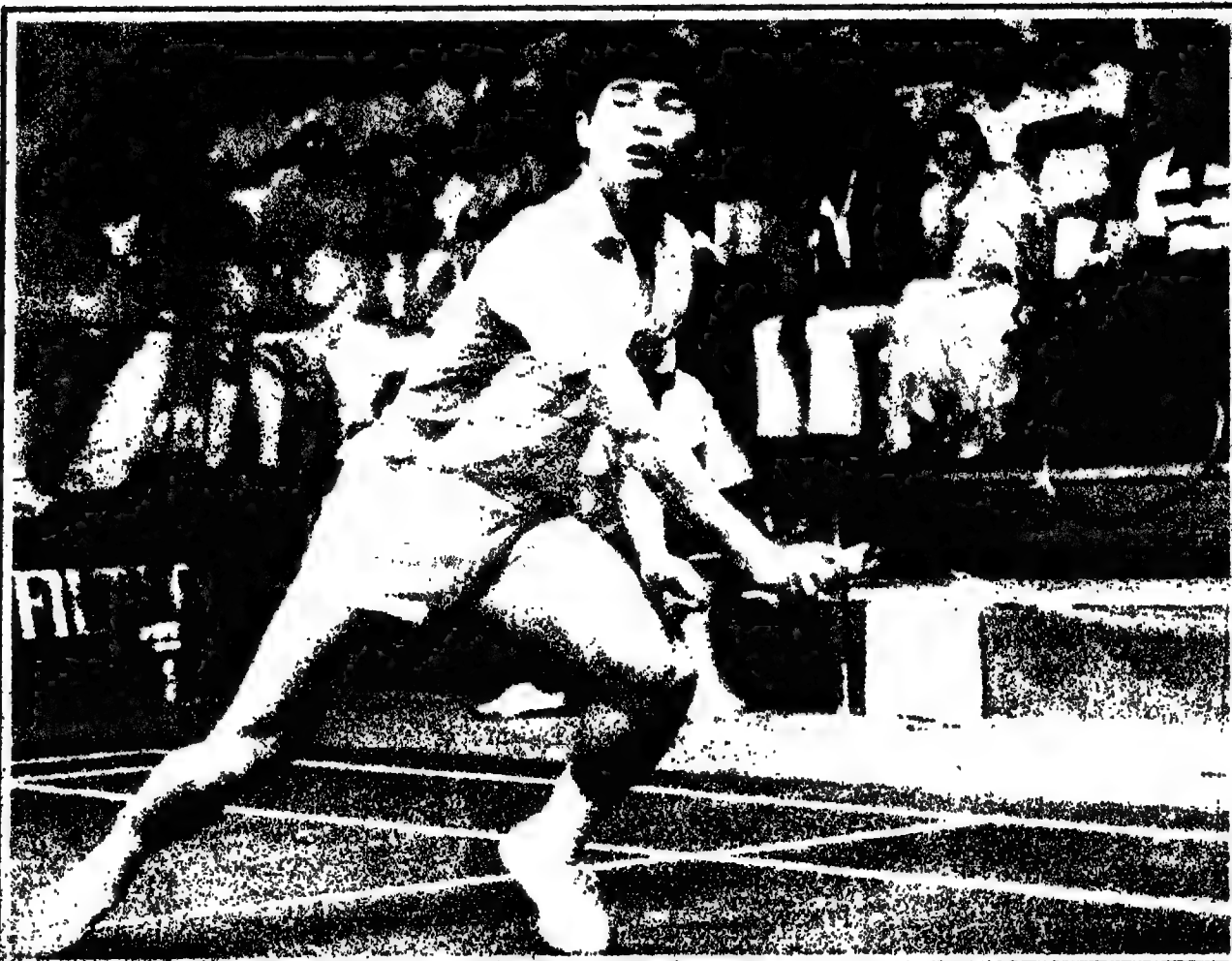
TWENTY-NINE-year-old war-horse Han Jian, the Chinese returning machine emerged as the new world champion when he defeated Danish celebrity Morten Frost 14-18 15-10 15-8 in a 75-minute battle of nerves in the fourth World Badminton championships held at Saddledome, Calgary, Canada last week.

Fleet footed Han Aiping of China beat Wu Jian Qui, her compatriot in

the All-China final to win the ladies' singles title. Aiping won 6-11 12-11 11-2 and went on to clinch a double when she partnered Li Lingwei to get the better of Wu Dixi-Lin Ying 15-9 14-18 15-9 Joo Bong Park-Moon Kim. The Korean pair continued their supremacy when they lifted the men's doubles title defeating Yong Bo Bingyi of China 5-15 15-7 15-9 to maintain their unbeaten record since 1983.

The men's singles finals turned out to be the best match of the tournament. The 6,000 crowd at Saddledome was enthralled by the gutsy players.

Frost's admirable steadiness was shattered by Han Jian in the closing stages of the match. In the absence of the south paw Zhao Jianhua, the latest badminton sensation in the world due to an outburst of pred-



Han Jian... made hash of the Danish aspirations

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monia and Liem Swie King the graceful Indonesian who finished runner-up in the 1980 and 1983 World Championships held at Jakarta and Copenhagen respectively. The coveted world title was left wide open to the agile Morten Frost who was the automatic choice. Frost lead 8-3 in the decider but failed to add to his score further to lose the game and the match at 8-15.

I was tired and he was too good for me today, confessed Frost after the match.

Han Jian, who had beaten Frost in the Danish team's tour of China in April 85, looked confident and right from the word go he engaged Frost in long rallies and delivered smashing backhands on number of occasions. Indian ace Prakash Padukone met his Waterloo at the hands of his bogeyman Morten Frost 8-15 5-15 in the quarter

"I was too tired and he was too good"—Frost

finals and the World Championship title which Prakash yearned for has eluded him this time too.

I don't understand how to win points against Frost, remarked Prakash after the match. He intends returning to India soon but he has not made up his mind as what to do then as yet. The performance of other Indian players was also not noteworthy. Syed Modi, the National champion surrendered easily to Han Jian 1-15 7-15 in the second round and Sanat Misra was steamed out by Ulf Johansson of Sweden 4-15 9-15 also in the second round while Vimal Kumar, National runner-up, conceded his match against Malaysian Foo Kok Keong at 8-12 in the decider due to an ankle sprain. Madhumita Bisht, the National champion, was easily beaten by Ime Gawa of Japan 6-11 2-11 after registering an exciting victory after Aimee of Scotland.

The other Indian women Amritha and Dipati Thanekar were thrashed by their opponents. Coena of

Holland and Nishimura of Japan respectively. India's No. 1 doubles pair of Leroy Dsa and Sanat Misra lost to R. Heryanto and Hadibowo of Indonesia 6-15 7-15 in the third round without offering any resistance.

After getting past Robson (New Zealand) Ressler (FRG) in the earlier

round, Racy Icuk Sugianto the 1983 World Champion and dominant

Hendry Saputar, the Indonesian new hope who has burst forth in the last 12 months, lost to Yan Yang and Han Jian, the Chinese shuttlers respectively without presenting any threat at any stages of the



Morten Frost Hansen...nothing seemed right for him that day

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In the semi-finals, the Chinese girls showed exemplary quickness and stamina that makes them rule badminton since their debut in 1981. After the merger of World Badminton Federation (headed by China) into the International Bad

minton Federation Chinese girls so far have won 14 of the 16 major titles.

Han Jian who looked his usual self in this tournament was not thought of for the title race at all. However, his marriage a few months ago seemed to have brought him luck at last. A delighted Han Jian commented, "I'm very happy today. I think I snatched one that too from the east end."

The Badminton Association of India should take concrete steps to redeem the lost prestige that superstar Prakash Padukone promoted a few years ago.

The performance of the other Indian players was not noteworthy



Syed Modi...the Indian national champ surrendered easily to Han Jian

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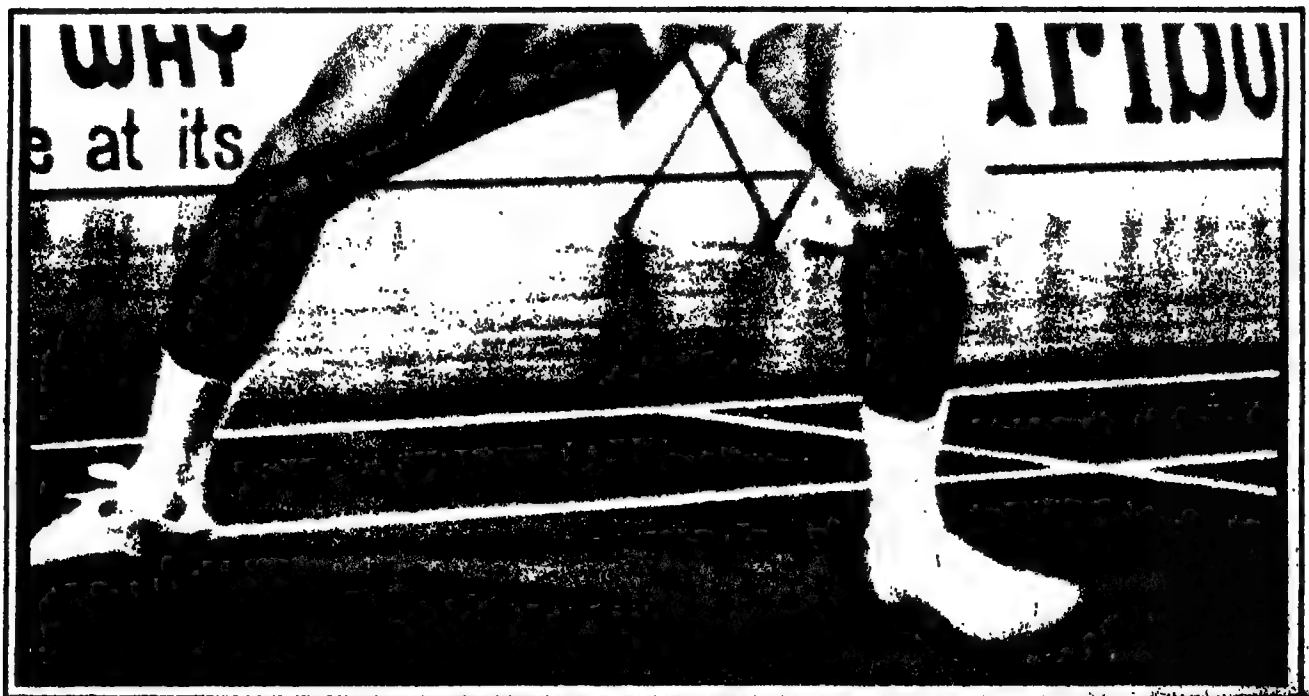
since there was a draft in the hall. I knew I had to sweat hard to win the 3-8 deficit inspired me to fight out since I had won the match against Swie King with the similar deficit earlier." When asked about his training, he quipped "I trained the same way I use to train earlier. To play a tall player, one has to train hard"

A dejected Frost, to whom the

World Championships title has eluded him this time too said, "He was just too good for me today. At the 8-3 lead, I was tired and I was attempting to gain just a point" Han Jian had beaten Frost just twice, the last one being in an exhibition match in the Danish team's tour of China in April this year. Han Jian rated to win even by the chinese coach Hou Jia Chang



"I do not understand how to win points against Frost," said the defeated Prakash Padukone





BOXING TRIALS

SW Correspondent

A test of guts

BOXING is one sport where India has managed to wear away some medals every now and then at the Asian level. And for the last three Asian Championships—at Bombay in 1979, Seoul in 1981 and Okinawa in 1983—India has notched third place in the medals tally.

Another Asian championships, the twelfth in the series, is scheduled to be held at Bangkok from July 2 to 9. The championships were to be held in June, but on request from Islamic countries, who were observing Ramzan, they were postponed to July.

The trials held at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru stadium brought a few noteworthy points to the fore. One of them being that the sport is in a transitory stage. The wellknown names have almost made their exit. Kaur Singh, Asian gold medallist has called it a day, while Chenada Machaiah, who alongwith Kaur, had represented India at the Olympics has also retired. Mariam-Xavier, whose exclusion from the Olympic team had brought about considerable debate, Palwinder Singh and Nityanadan failed to make the team this time. All three were medallists at the Okinawa.

Some of the brighter aspects this time is the emergence of some new talent. Heartening also is the fact that the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation (IABF) and the National Institute of Sports (NIS) have seen that adequate gear is provided to the players. It is learnt that almost Rs. 13,000 worth equipment has been acquired recently, which includes headgears, gloves, shoes and some punch bags.

The boxers were in training in Delhi from mid-day. And their camp which was pruned after the first month was further shortlisted after trials. Now 12, one in each weight, who will go to Bangkok, are left in the camp, alongwith the four coaches. Chief coach Om Prakash Bharadwaj and M.L. Vishwakarma will accompany the team for the Bangkok Championships.

The team for Bangkok has as many as seven newcomers. Among the experienced are, G.D. Kamble who is most likely to fetch India a gold. He had bronze at Okinawa and in April this year, he brought a

bronze from King's Cup, in Malaysia.

At King's Cup, Jaipal Singh won a gold in the super heavyweight class. Jaipal can be expected to repeat his performance at Bangkok too. For India has always fared quite well in the heavier weights. Gopal Dewang, welterweight, is another one with more than just a good chance as he was the winner at the South Asian Games in Kathmandu last year. M.P. Singh in light middle and C.K. Chengappa in middle are others who are most likely to add to the medal tally.

A boy whose performance will be watched very closely is 20-Year-Old B. Dhanasanjayan. The lad had fought extremely well at the last YMCA championship and is a product of the famous MEG coaching duo Munuswamy Venu and Chandra Narayan. Venu in fact considers, Dhanasanjayan as one of the most scientific boxers in the country. The boy is nimble on his feet has a lightning right and coupled with strong lungs, he is the brightest prospect.

Kamble is the most experienced pugilist on the squad. The bantam weight fighter is twice National champion and has represented India at Okinawa, the USSR Friendship Games, South Asian at Kathmandu, President's Cup and the

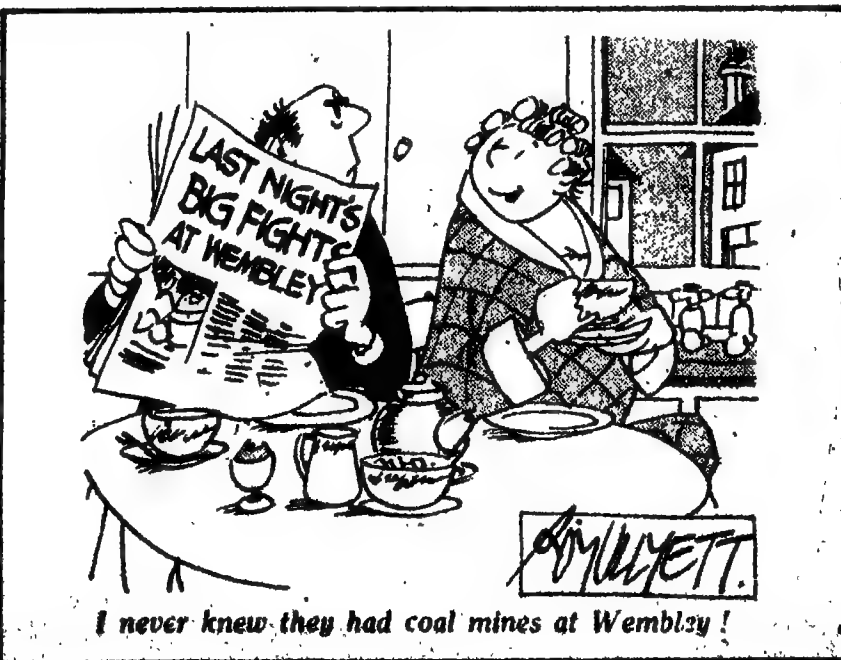
King's Cup. He is also a recipient of the Chhatrapati Shivaji award, of the Maharashtra State.

S. Jayaram of Signals was unlucky to lose a close decision at Kathmandu but has improved tremendously since then. He was the most obvious choice on the day of the trials, for in light welter, there was none even close to him.

In a sport always dominated by the Services, D. Mathiayanan in light weight and Jaipal Singh in super heavy weight are the only non-Services boxers. Mathiayanan is thrice Railways' champion and Jaipal of Punjab has a good track record, including a gold at the King's Cup.

Coach O.P. Bharadwaj is confident of India collecting at least half a dozen medals from Bangkok. A lot of those selected this time are likely to stay around for next year's Asian Games and also the Commonwealth championships. Bharadwaj who has been putting the boys through a rigorous training schedule has also been giving the boxers regular 'lectures on motivation and trying to instill in them a will to win.

Both these factors are undeniably very important in this specific sport which is at times, a test of guts.





BAVARIAN MOTOR WORKS HOCKEY

By A Special Correspondent

Indian hockey's death knell



The six suspended players: L to R: L. Tikken, Rajinder Singh, M. Somaiya, Romeo James, Hardeep Singh and Merwyn Fernandes.

Once upon a time, Indian hockey ruled the domain like a colossus. They vanquished armies from across seas and borders and triumphantly returned with scalps that have adorned our walls.

Other countries looked in awe as Indian hockey forged ahead with ridiculous ease and were cowered down by the might of Kishan Lal, R.S. Gentle, Dhyan Chand, Deshmukh.

Years, however, passed by and Indian Hockey became complacent and lethargic. Crowns toppled and the vanquished regrouped their resources to wage once again a battle of the turf on the giants of world hockey.

Goliath fell with a thud that reverberated; the echo still rings deafeningly.

The team for this tournament was consigned to the dust-bin long before the event began.

ingly loud. World Cups, Olympics, Champions Cups, Inter-continental. The trophies that were once the treasures of Indian Hockey fell to the enemy.

The moral of the story is a la Aesop: Never let officials meddle into the players' business.

But somehow, that line is old and clichéd. Any amount of criticism and suggestions have ended up as dreams, useless verbiage, the brains and the eardrums of the officials being overgrown with calluses.

So what, you might ask, is the remedy for the sorry plight of Indian hockey? Several answers may be given, but the blame can be squarely put on the shoulders of the Indian hockey selectors, who have made mockery of what was once a sport.

that was the mainstay of the Indian sub-continent.

The Bavarian Motor Works hockey tournament recently concluded at Amstelveen, Holland was the last straw on Indian hockey's back.

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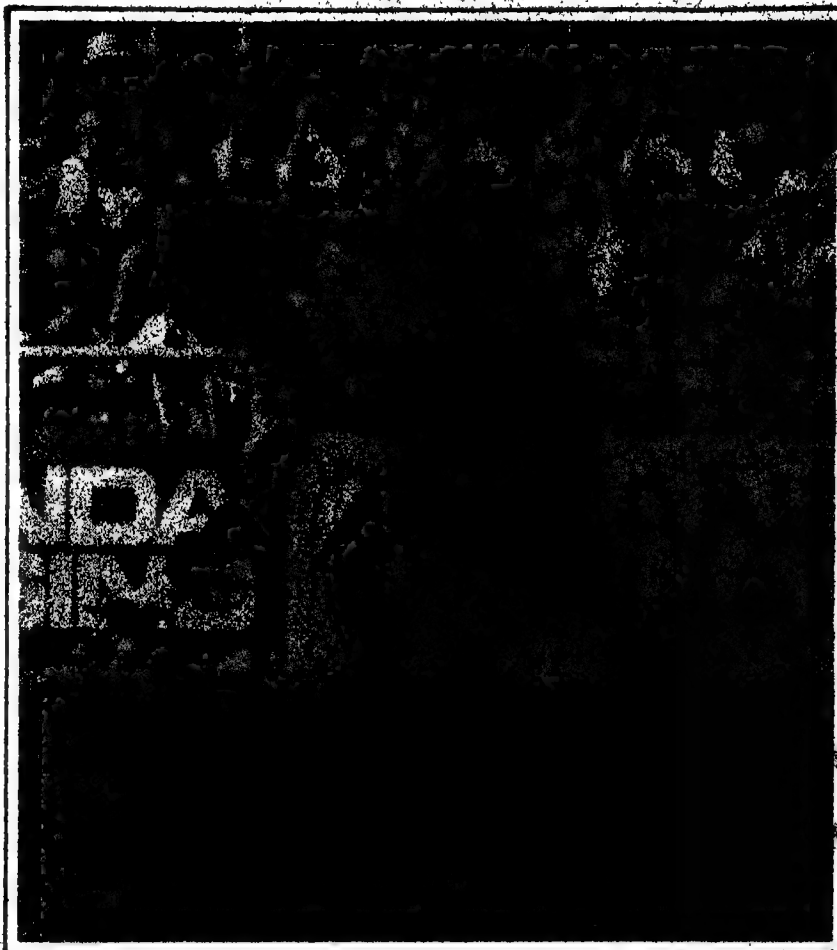
The suspension of the six Indian internationals by the Federation Internationale de Hockey (FIH) for their alleged misconduct at Dhaka in the finals of the Asian Cup against Pakistan, was a big blow to Indian aspirations. Till today, the infighting of the officials of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) continues over who did what to whom and when.

With the absence of these six stars, a second string was pieced together to make the ill-fated trip to the Land of Tulips.

Mohd. Shahid, was originally named the skipper of the team, but due to death in his family, he cried off. Gurdev Singh of Services, another versatile striker and D.S. Negi, a half back were given the 'nyet' by the National Institute of Sports (NIS) doctors at the last minute for not passing the medical test.

Mohammad Na'im, who "was inadvertently left out" of the original list was hustled into the centre forward line, while Nasir Khan of Tata Sports Club, Bombay, was given a chance to get his first international cap through the back door.

For the first time, an Indian team comprised only 15 members instead of the normal 16. One wonders, however, as to how the passports of the two original team members, Sushil Topno and Ramesh Pillai were ready only a day before their departure, when there



Vasudevan Bhaskaran...the former Moscow Olympic hockey captain managed and coached the team to Holland.

was ample time during the camp. The government too, was not ready to allow coach-cum-manager Vasudevan Bhaskaran, former Moscow Olympics team captain, as he was not with the team for the stipulated 15 days prior to the team's departure.

During the final training session at New Delhi, Bhaskaran said that winning or losing does not matter as this new look team would get

the necessary experience in international hockey. This tournament would also help the IHF to assess the worth of the players to groom them for further international participation, he said.

"We've got to see if India survives without the stars", said Bhaskaran, and this he has seen to his heart's content.

He is certainly wishing that he was not anywhere near Holland.

FANATIC

by Marcus



BAVARIAN MOTOR WORKS HOCKEY

Due to these problems of the team members being shuffled around not only the combination suffered but the morale of the team was not in the pink and their play against West Germany, Holland and England reflected that trend.

West Germany, with nine Los Angeles Olympics men, made mincemeat of the Indian opposition in their first outing of the tournament.

India cut a sorry figure from the outset and playing with only four internationals of repute, they did everything but stand in the corner of the goalposts and weep. The Germans overran the Indians and their famed striker Stephen Blocher netted three of the four goals while skipper of the sinking ship, Vineet Kumar converted a penalty corner in the last 10 seconds of the match to give India a semblance of dignity.

West Germany continued their victorious march ahead with victories over hosts Holland (2-0) and England, in their final encounter.

England are today a major force to reckon with. Playing with more

than five Asian-born players, England put it across India 2-1, the winner coming off Shervani's stick off a penalty corner in the last quarter of the match.

The match was of a brawny nature, with both team members resorting to unruly tactics, and in this fray, India's Abdi, playing his first international, was given marching orders.

Bhaura, England's striker, who has progressed by leaps and bounds since his appearance in the Bombay World Cup hockey tournament four years ago, gave his side the lead early in the first half. Sushil Topno restored parity.

In the second session, with both the teams pushing themselves hard to get the required lead, the game turned scrappy, but England got the last word through Sherwani and thus India's chances were well and truly squashed.

But there was more humiliation to follow. In their last match against hosts Holland, they were trounced to glory, the scoreboard reading 8-0 in favour of the hosts.



TOP: Bombay's Nasir Khan...through the back door. LEFT: Mohd. Naim...off colour on the strike line. RIGHT: Vineet Kumar...the formidable veteran and the skipper of the team.

Aslam Sher hits out



Aslam Sher Khan here's what's wrong with Indian hockey

Aslam also had a go at the doctors and suggested a separate panel of medicine men, with no link to any sport body in the country

ASLAM SHER KHAN, former Olympian and Member of Parliament hit out at the Federation de Internationale Hockey (FIH) last week for an alleged "deep-rooted conspiracy" to keep India out of world hockey arena, a sport that was dominated more by the Asians than other foreign countries.

He continued that the FIH is become frustrated with the increase in improved performance of the Indian team of late and they want to thwart any further Indian dominance.

He also alleged that the suspension of the six Indian stars for their conduct at Dhaka during the finals of the Asia Cup hockey tournament was a conspiracy to give the European countries an upper hand.

From these remarks, one can see that Aslam Sher Khan is shooting the wind.

One wonders as to what happened to Aslam's plans of going to Brussels to argue the case of the six Indians being suspended.



Hanif Khan skipper of Pakistan receiving the Asia Cup after beating India in the hockey final at Dhaka

Further in the report, he regrets that the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) has not yet lodged a protest against the suspension and he has suggested that they do so against the FIH's unilateral action. He pointed out that the IHF should represent their case and get the suspension revoked, as the suspension was valid till October.

Unless the suspension was revoked, the Indian expedition to England for the World Cup hockey tournament next year was bleak, and continued that the persons who were now running IHF were self-centred and only interested in safeguarding their interests rather than promoting the game.

Moving onto other arenas, he criticised the selection of the national coaches and pointed out that those who had played at district level, had been appointed to coach the national team.

Such coaches should be appointed to coach the junior team, and that for the senior team, veteran former internationals should be engaged to do the job.

He also had a go at the doctors and the mode of their selections. He said that an independent panel of doctors should be set up, with no link to any sport body in the country. The partisan attitude of some doctors was irresponsible.

To round up the carping, he suggested that the players selected to represent the country in international events should be given a daily diet allowance of Rs. 60 and a 'salary' of Rs. 2,000 per month for those attending camps.



CALCUTTA SOCCER

By Debabrata Chowdhury

Big Three fail to deliver the goods



Md. Sporting's Cheema Okorie (13) is thwarted by Debasish Mukherjee custodian of Salkia Friends. The teams drew 1-1.

PARTHASARATHI GHOSH of Salkia Friends hit the headlines last fortnight by notching the season's first hat trick against Taltalla Institute in the Group A of the Senior Division Soccer League. The young forward was in the news last week too when he masterminded a fine goal against Mohammedan Sporting.

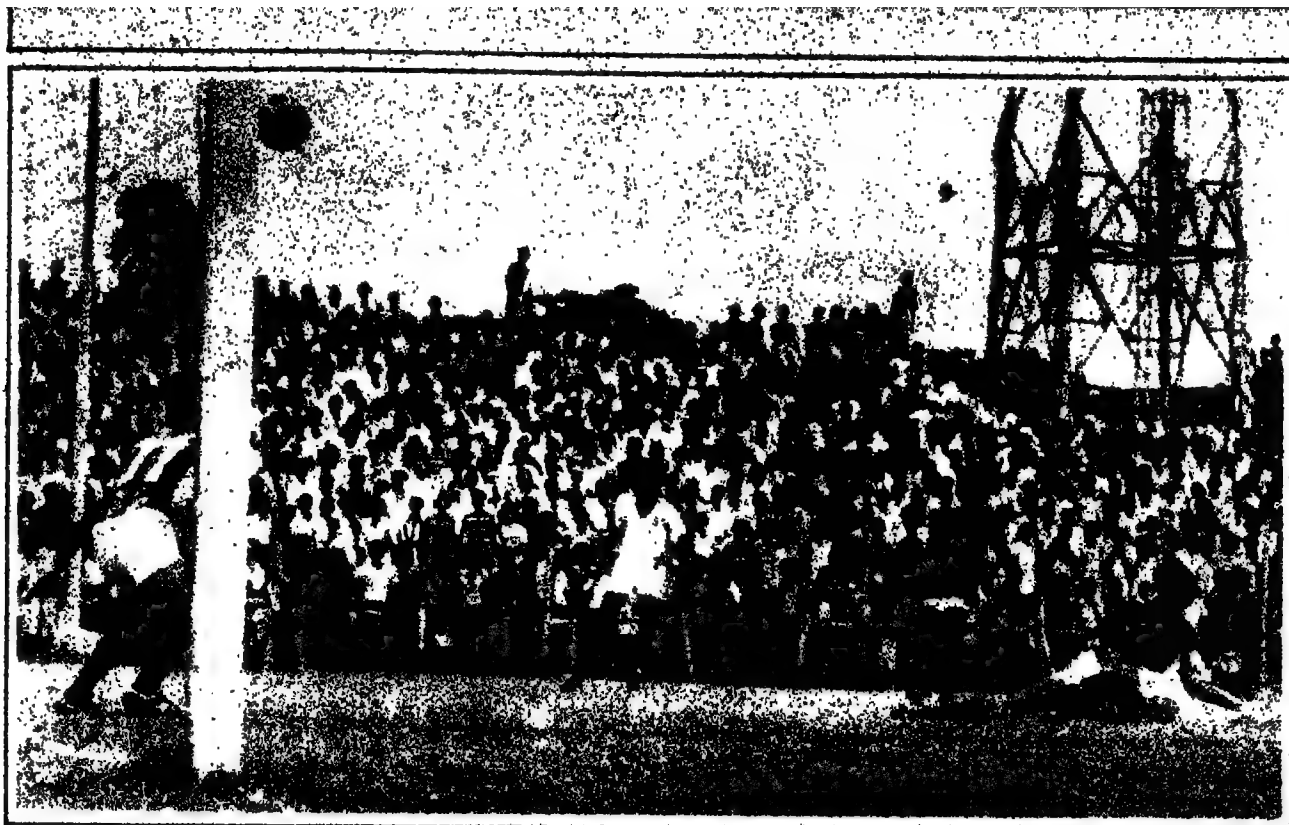
Receiving a pass from linkman Tarun Saha, he played a wall pass with Sabyasachi Majumder who first outwitted left back Musheer Ahmed and then drew out Atanu Bhattacharjee with a beautiful floater. This was one of the best goals scored in the league so far.

Stung by this 22nd minute reverse, the Mohammedans tried every method to level the issue but the equaliser came only nine minutes from time. It was the Nigerian Cheema Okorie who again saved the day for the big team and it was indeed he, who along with linkman Prasun Banerjee, tried to make some constructive moves. Incidentally it was Prasun's first game for Mohammedan Sporting this season.

There were reports that the club authorities took exception to Prasun's leaving Bangalore when the Federation Cup was on. Prasun's version was that he needed immediate medical treatment but the officials would have none of it. So Prasun sat through the first two games his team played and did not even turn up for the training sessions.

With the other linkmen Majeed Baskar, Victor Amalraj and skipper Prem Dorji turning on extremely poor shows, the team coach Mohammed Abdus Sattar realised he still needed Prasun's services and it was through his intervention that Prasun ultimately opened the morning practice session and came back to the team.

Judging by the performance put up by Amalraj and Dorji who are feeding the opponents more than their own players! - it appears Prasun's return has been a relief.



Mohun Bagan beat Taltola Institute 5-1. Bagan's Sishir Ghosh (grounded, dark jersey) shoots the ball goalwards, but the ball goes over with inches to spare.

sun will have to do a lot to lend the solidity in his team's half line, particularly when Majeed too is not shaping well.

The Iranian has shed a lot of weight and naturally looks more trim now, but his game unfortunately has lost the edge it had when he first set foot in Calcutta five years ago.

He was then with East Bengal, the club for whom he wanted to play this season too. The main reason being that P.K. Banerjee is now their coach. The East Bengal officials however denied Majeed the chance. Seeing him play for Mohammedan, one feels they have not committed a mistake. A delightful pass here and a fine flick there still flow from his feet but he does it all in a tardy motion now.

Mohammedan's earlier game this week was against Aikya Sammilani and Cheema Okoria it was who gave them the lead in the first half with a fine shot on the run. Another goal from Shabbir Ali came in the second session but the supporters were not happy with the overall display. They however gave vent to their feelings against Salkia Friends by throwing missiles onto the ground. Salkia, with this draw again, rose up their reputation as the bogey team of the Mohammedans, whose defence, it appears would take a lot of beating this season.



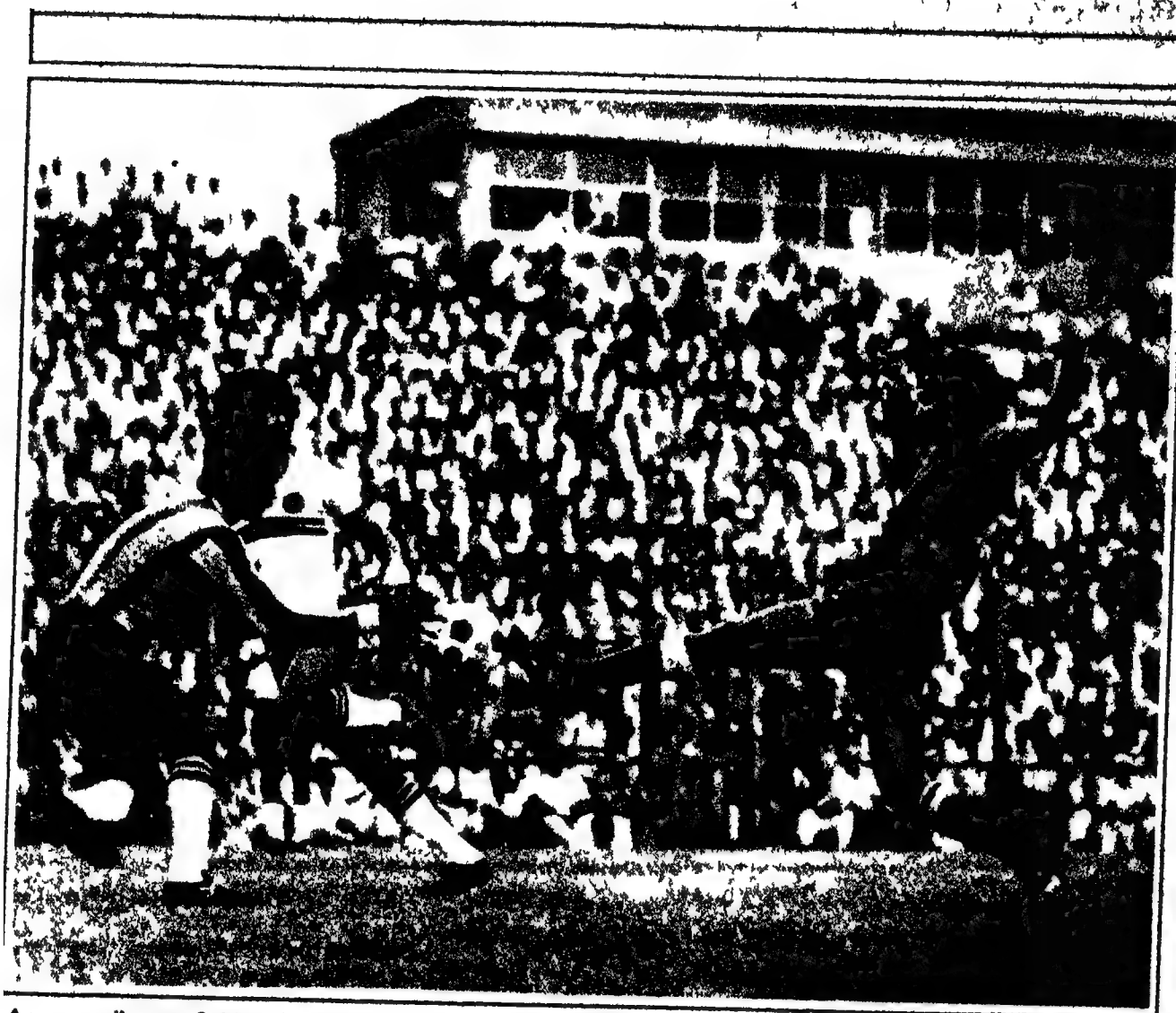
Fans get into the East Bengal ground via the back door!

Talking about defence, Mohun Bagan appear to be no better than the Mohammedans. Krishnendu Roy looks nowhere the player he was on the right while in the left wingback position, Amal Dutta is yet to decide who he will play amongst veteran Shyamal Banerjee, young Swapan Bose and not-so-young Swapan Saha Roy. As for the central defender positions Subrata Bhattacharjee seems to have lost his sharpness.

Subrata however, is still irreplaceable and the two men who must be causing Amal Dutta a great deal of headache are Satyajit Ghosh and Samar Bhattacharjee. The first was tried along with Subrata in the first match of the week against B.N. Railway and looked suspect. He was replaced with the latter in the second game against Port Trust but with no better result.

Mohun Bagan won both the games with margins of 2-1 and 2-0 but their defence always looked like falling to pieces. Against better opponents, it inevitably will.

The only consolation for the Mohun Bagan fans came in the form of a good show by Xavier Pius against Port Trust. Taking the field in Calcutta almost after a year and coming in as a replacement in the second half for Sisir Ghosh, he masterminded one move after another. He also gave finishing touches to one of them but the re-



Aryan goalkeeper Sekhar Sahu plucks the ball off Debasis Roy's feet. East Bengal prevailed by a solitary goal. **BELOW:** Sishir Ghosh of Bagan is tackled roughly by Behala Youth defenders. The teams drew 1-1.

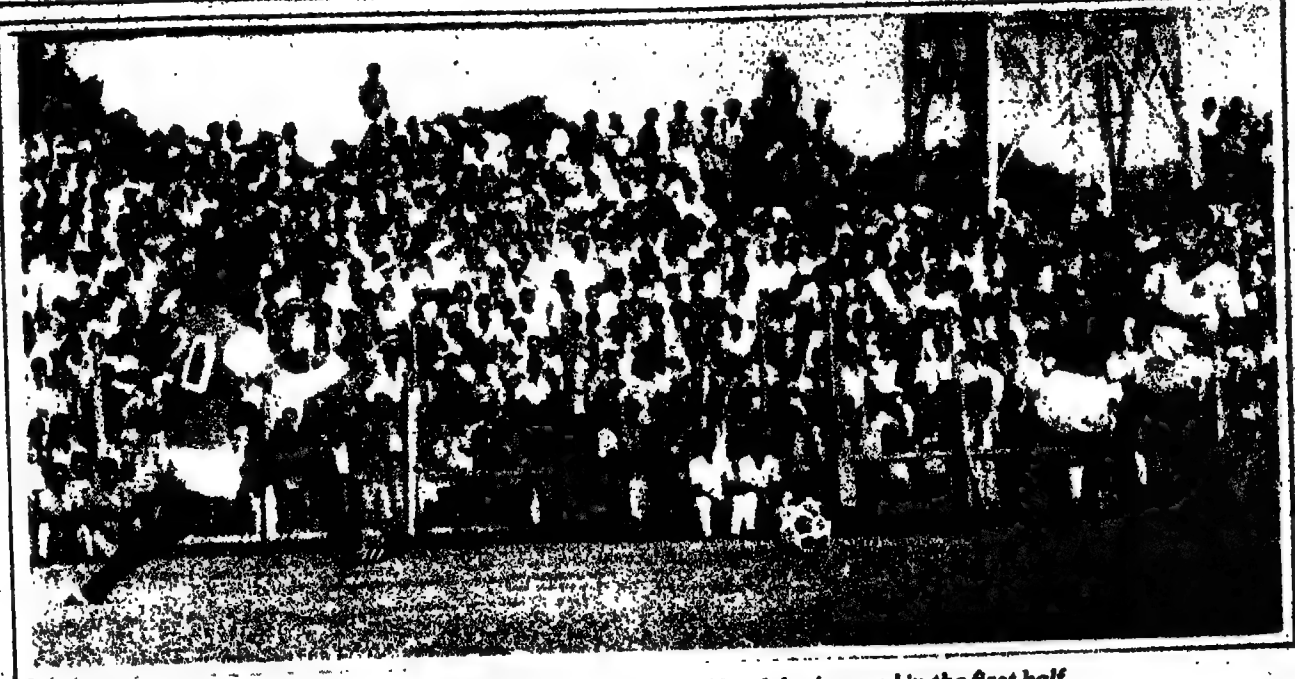
eree inexplicably nullified the goal. Later on, he said that he was guided by the linesman who ruled Subir

Sarkar off side. It appears the linesman concerned needs to relearn the rule book. The Mohun Bagan

players however could have avoided arguing with the referee after the final whistle. Actions like this only help to trigger off violence on the field.



If Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting have failed to deliver the goods so far, East Bengal being the best side have hardly done any better. Of course, their boys played with some cohesion against Kidderpore Sporting and slammed in four goals in the process but the margin does not tell the story of the chances they missed. The poor marksmanship was all the more glaring against Tollygunge Agragami when only one goal resulted out of a possible half a dozen. Coach P K Banerjee's problems have been compounded with Krishanu Dey, Bikash Panji and Sudip Chatterjee being on the injured list. Incidentally Krishanu and Bikash, who caused a sensation during inter club transfer have so far delivered the goods, but they still have time to prove their mettle in their new surroundings.



Mohun Bagan about to equalise against Behala Youth. Behala Youth had scored in the first half.



Behala Youth beat Atiya Sammelani 2-0. Cheema Okorie makes no mistake with the second one.



Boris the bold

HE PASSES as another face in the crowd. A big, raw-boned kid playing chess while the rain buckets down at Beckenham

But within three years, the experts predict, Boris Becker will have moved from a pawn to the new king of the multi-million pound game of tennis.

The 6ft lin West German hits the ball as if he hates it, generating a force for a 17-year-old which Ion Tiriac describes as "awesome."

Tiriac, of the bandito moustache and fearsome scowl, knows a thing or two about talent. He partnered the young Ilie Nastase at doubles

Now, as Becker's manager, he is helping steer another *wunderkind*, saying: "He has so many shots, so much natural ability. But more than anything else he has courage."

Now courage, I confess, is not a commodity...I readily associate with tennis. But watching Becker you understand what Tiriac means

He hurls himself around court collecting grass burns like Purple Hearts as he attempts impossible returns and reckless winners...from any position and at any score

At Wimbledon last year he paid for his impulsiveness, defaulting in the third round against 14th seed Bill Scanlon when he leapt for a volley and ripped ligaments in his left ankle.

"What a fighter," gasped Scanlon, who had been getting the fright of his life. "He's got some spirit."

Becker needed three months off, yet still finished the year by reaching the quarter finals of the Australian Open - beating Tim Mayotte in the process - and with a ranking of 64 in the world.

Now he is up to 30th, modest, amiable...but possessing that fierce inner conviction some believe is lacking in the other wonder boy of tennis, Sweden's 20-year-old Mats

Wilander.

"I have no close friends on the circuit," Becker confided as he waited for a break in the weather at the Kentish Times tournament.

"That made me unhappy at first but I realise it is necessary if I am to go to the top."

He shrugged. "Anyway, I have enough at home. I do not need them here."

Home is Leimen where his father Karl Heinz is president of the local tennis club.

"From the age of four I was there all day long," says Becker "At seven I won my first tournament."

He also played football, a muscular, positive centre forward who was offered schoolboy trials with Bayern Munich. He declined in order to concentrate on tennis. "Ever at 12 I knew this was my only sport," he says.

Wilhelm Bungert was the last German to appear in the Wimbledon final taking five games off John Newcombe in 1967. "Wilhelm tells me it was fun in those days," says Becker

"You had a game then a few beers with your opponent. Now it is much fiercer." And he sent a flat, blue-eyed stare around the players lounge.

"Wimbledon is the place I want to do well at more than any other. I was so disappointed last year. My game has grown stronger in all ways, especially my serve and volley."

He delights in the force. "Yes, I'm aggressive," he agrees. "That is why I love to watch Pat Cash and Yannick Noah. They put their heart and soul into serve and volley. It's the same for me."

Of McEnroe and Connors, Becker said: "Great players but how long have they been at the top? For Connors 10 years, for McEnroe six."

"Perhaps their edge is going? Perhaps it is time for the young men to take over?"

There was a hint of shyness in his smile, but no mistaking the message. And the answer will be there for all to see at Wimbledon.



Boris Becker... set for a checkered career

Seedings are a joke, say players

By IAN BARNES

THE WOMEN'S seedings for Wimbledon were called "a joke" by leading players

The Wimbledon committee sat firmly on the fence by making Martina Navratilova and Chris Lloyd joint No 1

It is the first time since seedings were introduced in 1922 that they have failed to name an official favourite

Martina is champion, and has been for three years Chris, her great friend and rival, was 1984 runner-up but beat Martina in the French final recently

When Martina heard of Wimbledon's decision, she said "There are two ways of looking at it this is a cop-out or a tribute to both of us

But Pam Shriver Martina's doubles partner who is seeded fifth laughed They must be joking! They had one decision to make and they chickened out

The men's seeds are puzzling too They have been done by the computer rankings, which give Swede Anders Jarryd sixth place despite four first round defeats since 1981

And there is no place for Boris Becker, Queen's Club winner

Seedings

MEN'S SINGLES J McEnroe (US) 1, I Lendl (Cz) 2, J Connors (US) 3 M Wilander (Swe) 4, A Jarryd (Swe) 5, P Cash (Aust) 6, J Nystrom (Swe) 7 K Curren (US) 8, J Kriek (US) 9, A Krickstein (US) 10, K Noah (Fr) 11, M Mecir (Cz) 12, E Teltscher (US) 13 S Edberg (Swe) 14, T Smid (US) 15, T Mayotte (US) 16

WOMEN'S SINGLES C Evert (US) and M Navratilova (US) 1 H



Mandlikova (Cz) 3 M Malerova (Bulg) 4 P Shriver (US) 5 C Kohde Kilsch (W Ger) 6 H Sukova (Cz) 7 Z Garrison (US) 8 B Gadusek (US) 9 K Jordan (US) 10 S Graf (W Ger) 11 C Linddquist (Swe) 12 C Bassett (Can) 13 W Turnbull (Aust) 14 G Sabatini (Arg) 15 K Rinaldi (US) 16

Martina meets her match

TENNIS CHAMPION Martina Navratilova was caught at the net by a spot of doubles trouble

And the four times Wimbledon champion was not too happy with herself - or rather the waxwork model perched on a chair

"It's too muscular," said 28 year old Martina. The calf muscles are definitely bigger than mine. In fact

the dummy looks quite large all round."

But Madame Tussaud's sculptress Judith Craig was not to be caught flat-footed by Martina's light hearted criticism

They are exactly your measurements from when we took them last year, she said

Martina volleyed "Yes, but I've lost about 5lb since then. Oh well, I suppose I'm really quite proud about being made into a waxwork model

The tennis star, wearing a pink tracksuit, added "But it is kind of eerie I'm just glad it can't move

Judith's parting shot was a neat backhander "Martina was a good model. She is a very strong woman



"On the other hand I think it's YOU who's wearing the funny clothes for June



Time alone will tell

THOUGH most open-minded tennis aficionados would name Wimbledon as still the most important championships in the world, it is senseless nowadays to claim that it is the greatest when all the criteria are about numbers, people, money, number of courts and so forth

This is obvious by the announcement of the prize money that will be up for grabs when the US Open at Flushing Meadow, New York, gets under way on August 26 this year. The all-in sum this year is a massive \$3,073,500. That compares with the \$2,497,686 of 1984, when the two singles champions knocked back \$160,000 each. 1985 will see the figure rise by 17 per cent to reach a new record for this "Grand Slam" mega-championships of \$187,000.

Any man or woman winning not only the singles but also the two other championship events, could go home with a cool \$229,000 – a sum roughly equivalent to Margaret Thatcher's "take home" over seven years as one of the most important politicians in the entire world.

By Ken Rosewall

When it comes to spectators, Flushing Meadow will attract over 450,000. There have been many improvements at Wimbledon this past few months, and there will be more room for the public, but the total attendance is unlikely to exceed 370,000.

Thankfully money has never been the be-all and end-all of tennis outside the USA. Wimbledon has spent a small fortune in improving facilities, especially those concerned with keeping the public satisfied. That is not something that can bring accolades to Flushing Meadow, no more than it did when the US Open was promoted at the West Side Club, Forest Hill, that up-market area of New York.

Nevertheless the USA tennis officials seem at least, to have realised that there are other facets of the game to which they have given little or nothing. In particular, they have watched series of young, talented prospects ruin their lives and tennis careers by permitting too much tennis to the too young

The classic cases are, of course, Tracy Austin and Andrea Jaeger, both of whom sustained serious injuries which seemed to end their careers when both were still in their teens.

This and other factors, have stirred up the folk who govern tennis in the various states. So much so that in the recent USA Annual General Meeting, more than 450 of them turned up to make their views to the governing committee men and women. The main move just now concerns age, and the USA Management Committee have recommended to the International Tennis Federation – theoretically the world rulers of the game – that they should introduce a maximum age of 16 on players joining the professional tournament circuits.

It sounds right to me. But is the game really governed by the ITF? Is it not the Mens International Professional Tennis Council who rule the roost? And who are the most money-minded of all the various bodies of the game? Time alone will tell.

Stars are all important

PRO-AM tennis get-togethers have long flourished in the USA. But that is almost the only country in the world where it does. Maybe it is because that vast place contains an abundance of household named stars who appear with amazing frequency on television, and thus become mega-personalities.

Nowhere else do such folk – mostly they are from stage, screen and, most of all, television – receive such adulation. And as some of them play a reasonable game of tennis, they are warmly welcomed by tennis clubs and players.

Perhaps, predictably, they are not treated with such reverence in Europe, where the way of British life tends above all others to allow the famous to enjoy some form of normal privacy. Maybe because of this, pro-ams and charity meetings have not proved very lucrative.

However, last year saw a big advance, when a pro-am charity tournament lasting one day was staged at the Royal Albert Hall in London. David Lloyd, via his popular centre

and the support of his sister-in-law Chris Evert Lloyd, and backed by the Association of Tennis Professionals, raised £23,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain. Fittingly John Lloyd, partnered by Dr J P R Williams – one of the all-time greats of Rugby and a former British Junior Tennis Champion – beat Leif Shiras and Jeff Wayne, a man famous in the movies of former years.

In such events "names" are all important. This year's encore at the Albert Hall on June 21 should surpass anything before in this type of British tennis. A few of the names may not be quite so commonplace in the USA, though one will surely account for any unknowns by American onlookers. He is John Forsyth-Blake Carrington of "Dynasty", the most known star in the world.

I know little of his tennis abilities, but I have learnt that his prowess in starland is high. It will need to be, because Dr. Williams will be there to defend his title, and he was near

Wimbledon class when he began giving all his efforts to Rugby football.

Kevin Keegan, one of Britain's few world class footballers, is another useful tennis "nut". But the biggest draw of all in England will surely be Terry Wogan, who is to British Television several times over what Johnny Carson is to the USA. In recent times his chat show has enjoyed appearances from Chris Evert Lloyd, Joan Collins-Alexis of Dynasty – a rival, "Bobby Ewing of Dallas" and the greatest scoop of world television, Princess Anne, who turned out to be a born star.

No other person in the history of British chat shows has ever got near to the applause attracted by the Princess and her superb penchant for humour without the slightest whisper of anything but dignity. I hope that this year the Muscular Dystrophy fund will receive even more than last year, and that more charities will receive tennis help as a further result of this pro-am.



NEWS FOLIO...NEWS FOLIO...

Shiny wins

Ostrawa: India's star middle distance runner Shiny Abraham won the 400 metres gold in the International Athletic Meet here in Czechoslovakia.

Abraham, who had become the first Indian woman to reach the semi final of an event at the Los Angeles Olympic Games won the race in 55.39 secs.

Abraham had switched to the 400 m as her favourite event 800 metres was not run in Ostrawa

Hu Na qualities

London: Woman tennis player Hu Na, who defected from the Chinese Federation Cup three years ago has qualified for the women's singles at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. Hu Na who now lives in the U.S.A. was scheduled to play Brian's Annabel Croft in her opening round match.

Bruce, Francis punched

Sydney: Bruce Francis, the former Australian Test cricketer and now tour organiser for the rebel Australian teams tour to South Africa was punched by a black South African when he arrived at Sydney airport from South Africa.

The man pushed his way through a cordon of journalists after an impromptu press conference with Francis and then punched the former cricketer and hit him with an attache case.

Francis' lip was cut in the scuffle before security officers hustled the man away. Francis has however said he would not take any action against the man.

Budd defeated

Belfast: Zola Budd suffered her first defeat on a British track at the Ulster Games International Meet, losing to black American Darlene Beckford in her pet event, the 3000 metres race.

The 19-year-old South African born British runner trailed home 15



metres behind Beckford, clocking 9.01.71. Beckford was timed at 8.58.40

Liverpool appeals

Liverpool: The Liverpool Soccer Club announced that it would immediately appeal against a three-year ban imposed by the European authorities in the wake of last month's Brussels riot that left 38 people dead.

The Union of European Football Association had, at a meeting held earlier in Zurich, extended its blanket ban on all English teams by punishing Liverpool for a further period three seasons.

WTA's objection

London: The Women's Tennis Association which represents the 986 professional women tennis players lodged an official objection to the Wimbledon seedings which, for the first time, listed Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert-Lloyd as joint No. 1.



I thought the weathermen would be wrong again and it would be hot and sunny.

SAI – why choose cricket?

THE recent announcement that the Sports Authority of India will award a sum of Rs 25,000 to any coach who produces a fast bowler who is capped for India, has been roundly condemned – and rightly so. It's difficult to think of a more hare brained scheme than this.

For starters, there's a very fundamental objection: the SAI has no business to be trespassing on the legitimate domains of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. The BCCI is seized of the SAI to find fast bowlers for the Indian cricket team.

Happily, the BCCI is one of the very few sports bodies in the country that has a healthy bank balance. It has always managed its affairs without governmental help or subsidy – in fact, it has contributed more to government, in terms of money, than it has taken.

Cricket in India is a rich sport. And the SAI was not formed to help rich sports. In the given circumstances, it would almost be a crime – misapplication of funds – for the SAI to spend Rs 25,000 on cricket, which has enough money of its own.

This is particularly galling when other sports are crying out for funds. Without a doubt, the money would be better spent if, for example, it were given to Bula Chowdhury, towards the cost of her proposed Australian visit or to Neville Daroga the champion lifter, to enable him to have the diet of his choice. Athletics, basketball, table tennis, billiards, volleyball – all these sports could do with Rs 25,000. Why then, should the SAI have chosen cricket?

One possible answer is that this is a not-so-subtle move on the part of the SAI to gain a foot held into the affairs of the country's richest sports organisation. If true, this is despicable.

Besides, it is obvious that the whole idea reveals a sad lack of thought – what courts in this country would characterise as "non application of mind". Who, for instance, will be regarded as a "fast bowler"? And how fast is "fast"? Would "fast-medium" qualify? Would "slow medium"?

Take a hypothetical case. If the scheme had been announced a few years back, would Manoj Prabha-

kar's coach have become entitled to receive the prize? Prabhakar has opened the bowling for India, but he's no tearaway quickie.

And if the only criterion to be applied is that the bowler should have opened the bowling for the country in a Test Match, then history doesn't have too happy a tale to tell. By this reckoning, the coaches of Budhi Kunderan and Ajit Wadekar would have been richer men for having produced "fast bowlers", since these players have at some stage or other in their careers, used the new ball for India.

Apart from these grey areas, there are other more important unanswered questions. Maj-Gen (retd) Narinder Singh, who made the announcement, is the head of the SAI – and therefore its spokesman. But what one would like to know is: Whose decision was this? The Major General's alone?

Surely the SAI has a committee that debates and discusses proposals such as these. Surely, too, such decisions are recorded by way of formal resolutions passed and minuted. Was the scheme put to vote? Did anyone dissent?

Going by press reports, it looks doubtful if any of this happened. The entire episode is thus another sad commentary on the way apex sports bodies in this country function. All too often, one man's "brain-wave" becomes institutional policy.

In view of the universal opposition to the SAI's announcement, Major Gen Narinder Singh must admit that it was all a mistake and withdraw the offer immediately. The SAI is duty bound to us to put this money for a more productive purpose. This it must do right away, without making excuses or standing on false notions of prestige.

THE SPORTING LIFE



SHE'S AT THAT ANKWARD AGE

STAR TRACK

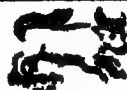
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By Bejan Daruwalla



ARIES

Aries: Open up full throttle whether at the wheel of a racing car, admittedly a wee dangerous in the crashing rains, or a sprint or doing the disco or the disco as dance and music, helps to relax 3 5, 9 outstanding Attend to your work area, please, dear Arians



TAURUS

Taurus: Long-distance connections and long-distance running both, make a winning combination Got the message, Taureans? Plan out a work schedule in training or business, and go by it That's the way to blaze the star track! Yes peak level performance at all levels



GEMINI

Gemini: Take the 5th for a strenuous work out a wee bit of romance, a game of golf or cards a trip, or perfecting that dubious backhand of yours A smack at the goal, in more ways than one, is your destiny Go and fulfil it fast! And good luck a la Ganesha!



CANCER

Cancer: Those with a team spirit be it a job, or a relay race, or volley ball, and Cancerians are dexterous with their hands do brilliantly Be not the lonely ranger now Full backs now have more than their full share of luck! Centre forwards dribble past the best In style too



LEO

Leo: Work hard, love well, play brilliantly You will get ideas as you bowl the seamer, the straight one and that's the way to get em Wrestlers and weight-lifters find that extra muscle power for the gold or silver The 9th is inspirational and you work wonders



VIRGO

Virgo: Many times play is the best sport So relax when at the goal or that super match winning volley or that risky but doubly deadly drop shot Read ditto for love romance the arts research reading exams, competition Game set and match yours, children of Mercury!



LIBRA

Libra: Home will be the goal, therefore not to neglect it Plan your best moves there, be it chess, skibob racing where it is a must to cover a definitive course as fast as possible golf table tennis Renovation decoration buying, selling, are the other strokes you will use!



SCORPIO

Scorpio: Biathlon, the combined sport of skiing and racing, and more preferably relay or for that matter any other relay sport, is where you will excel Alternately figure skating is highly recommended thanks to the new moon effect This is an exceptionally newsy, fast-paced week Be alert



SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius: If interested in any of the yacht classes, Tornado Flying Dutchman, 470 Soling, Finn, Tempest now is the time for it,

rains permitting Your crew mate will help you Badminton and sprint are the other strongly recommended sport where you excel Read partnerships, buying, selling, shopping for all of you



CAPRICORN

Capricorn: Lacrosse, the 10 players being three defenders, three midfielders, three attackers, and the goalkeeper, was meant just for you Alternatively, archery and high jump and the pole vault is where you will excel Your personal affairs come under sharp focus this week Health is suspect



AQUARIUS

Aquarius: Try the Kendo which requires bamboo swords and short, quick, gliding steps! The other sport areas are hockey, golf, and the marathon The shot put and the Javelin is out now, as there is a distinct possibility of strained back, a sprain Journeys and news from a distant land are the other features for you



PISCES

Pisces: Judo, boxing, Trampolining, are not typically Piscean games But this week, you can certainly try it out, as Mars, the energiser, works overtime for you Expect a promotion, a reward for services rendered You will socialise in style Gymnastics, specially the pommel horse and the parallel bars, and floor, should tempt you

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





RACING

By Railbird

Timing has little relevance

SIR BRUCE performed much better than his earlier impressive run on this track. Allah Rakhkha did not. Oncidium ran the best race of his career to show that he will be the one to beat in the Bangalore Derby. And Pesi Shroff's judgement was found wanting. That is the summing up of the Bangalore 1,600 metres Colts Trial Stakes.

Shroff had ridden both Sir Bruce and Allah Rakhkha to their maiden victories on the Bangalore track. Soon after both the races he was of the opinion that Sir Bruce was the better candidate for the trial. In the course of subsequent track trials, he changed his mind and opted for Allah Rakhkha. Admittedly, it was also this column's opinion at that time that Allah Rakhkha was the more impressive winner of the two.

Persistent rumour that Sir Bruce was affected with a troubled shoulder pervaded the atmosphere at the racecourse and at social gatherings where racing was the topic of discussion. It speaks much for the connections of Sir Bruce to have stoutly denied those rumours, for had they kept mum or behaved as if there were some truth in the rumour, the price quoted on Sir Bruce would have been higher.

On the race day, Allah Rakhkha was the prime favourite with Sir Bruce next in demand. Dupont, following in the betting Allah Rakhkha and Sir Bruce settled down to make the pace. Turning for home, R V Gowli who had been given the mount, took Sir Bruce ahead of Allah Rakhkha and as Dupont came up to challenge, Allah Rakhkha just faded away.

Sir Bruce went many lengths ahead and Gowli, sagely, kept him to his task. His considerable lead stood him in good stead when Oncidium, who had been last but one early and who entered the straight in sixth position, went at him with raking Strides. Gowli made free use of the whip. Corner was content to use his hands and reins. Both went past the post, locked together and the tension, which had started at the very start when predominance was declared by non-starter and which had built up to boiling point as the Race progressed, was now at its height

as the judge consulted the photo. It showed Sir Bruce the winner by a short head in the good time of 1 minute, 38.6 seconds.

Dupont was four lengths behind the runner-up and three-quarter length in front of Southern Glory. Far and above was fifth, Royal Legacy sixth, Allah Rakhkha seventh, Celebrant, eighth and On The Move last of the nine three-year-old males who contested at level weight for a winner's prize of Rs 67,880.

Sir Bruce, an Everyday II-Hennessy was bred at the Doaba Stud by the Divyug Farms, and won his fourth race in as many starts for Mr and Mrs Y M Chaudhary. He was sent out, by trainer Jamshed Dalal who has done remarkably well with him as he has done with the other Chaudhary animals in his yard, and was ridden in exemplary fashion by Gowli.

Everyday II is an American stallion of repute whose credentials are known to all serious racegoers and do not require elaboration here. Hennessy is by Asopo-Abeyance (by Court Martial). She won seven races in her career, always over shorter distances. Her most famous half-brother is Hard Held, whose tally of 20 wins included the Indian 2,000 Guineas. He was a most expensive failure in the Indian Derby and though he was a place-getter in the Invitation Cup, he was never effective over a distance.

Nonetheless, on breeding Sir Bruce is not likely to stay. However, bloodlines are not the only consideration although they are of vital importance. What is also important is the training pattern and, on that score, Jamshed Dalal can be relied upon to plan the schedule of Sir Bruce for the great occasion on July 14.

On the subject of training schedules, it would appear that Oncidium's target was not the trial but is the Derby. He has staying blood as he is by Common Land-Amber Forest (by Yellow God). He was, indubitably, the fastest moving at the finish and he will be the one to beat in the Derby. Dupont ran up to expectations, but his eclipse is unexplainable as he looked very fit and there was no question of him hav-

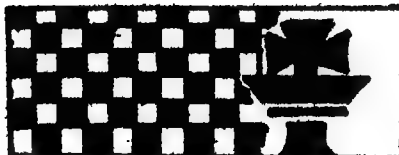
ing been overworked. Southern Glory's fourth was more in keeping with his maiden victory than his subsequent one. It was conclusively proved that it was the 10-kilo weight difference which enabled Royal Legacy to beat Dupont last time and though, it is understood, that the connections of far and above are hopeful of him making a brave show in the Derby, his performance belied that expectation.

Sir Bruce's time was 0.6 second slower than that of Chaitanya Ratham in the Fillies Trial. To those who blindly follow timings that is of some significance, to this column it is not. Sir Bruce is the better of the two. In any case, how will the time followers explain that Somero, carrying 46 kilos in Class One (Sir Bruce carried 55) two races after the trial with no change in the track condition, clocked 0.8 second slower timing. The truth is that timing in this country has little relevance as it is determined by the pace of the front runner.

AGE seems to be the main preoccupation of the committee of the RWITC during the present off-season in Western India. A decision to abide strictly by the 60 years retirement age of officials has, it is understood, been taken and if the decision is implemented, there will be plenty of room at the top the club's administration.

The preoccupation extends to horses and it has now been decided that no subsidies will be paid for horses above seven. This is a step in the right direction. It is unforgivable that great horses (Fair Court is the best example) are being raced in the lowest class in their old age. It is also an act of cruelty. These animals continue to be in training because the bulk of their maintenance costs come from subsidies. Now that that has been stopped, they will probably be graciously retired. Replenishments are readily available as stud farms have expanded their breeding activities and with modern scientific methods, it is easier and quicker to determine if a mare is holding.

The ones for your notebook are Aplomb, All That Jazz, Nerd and Kind Of Hush.



CHESS

By R.B. Sapre

SOVIET Championship, from which as many as five players proceed to the World Inter-Zonal, produced a triple tie at the top in Rgia this year between the relatively unfancied and young players GM Victor Gavrikov, IM Alexander Chernin and untitled Miknail Gurevich with 11 points out 19.

A triple tie also resulted for 4-6 places between GMs Sokolov and Balashov and untitled Smagin with 10½ and well known senior GMs like Psaknis, 10; Tukmakov, 9½; Sveshnikov, 9½; Geller, 8; and Kupreichik, 7½ were left behind.

1.e4, e5 2.Nf3, Nc6 3.Bb5, a6 4.Ba4, Nf6 5.OO, Be7 6.Re1, b5 7.Bb3, Oo 8.c3, d3 9.h3, Re8 10.d4, Bb7 11.a4, h6 12.Nbd2, Bf8 13.Bc2, exd5 14.cxd5, Nb4 15.Bb1, c5 16.d5, Nd7 17.Nf1, f5?! 18.exf5, Rxe1 19.Nxe1, Nxd5 20.Ra3!, Kh8? 21.Nf3, N5b6 22.Re3!, d5 23.Re6!, d4 24.Ng5!, Qc7 25.Nf7ch, Kg8 26.Nxh6ch!, gxh6 27.Qg4ch, Kh8 28.f6!, Nd5 29.f7!, N7f6 30.Qg6, c4 31.Bf5!, 1-0.

11...h6) Ruy Lopez; Smyslov Variation. White's 11.a4 varies from the MCO continuation 11.Nbd2, Bf8 12.Nf1, h6 (The move order is 9...h6 and 12...Bb7) 13.Ng3, Na5 14.Bc2, Nc4 15.Bd3, Nb6 16.Bd2, c5 (Hecht-Gligoric, 1969).

17...f5?! A double-edged move, breaking White's centre, but weakening his own King side.

19.Nxe1! After 19.Qxe1 Black can play 19...Bxd5 with the threat 20...Bxf3 and if 20.Ra3, bxa4.

20...Kh8? This recalcitrant move does not seem necessary and in fact helps White's combination later.

21...N5b6? Black wants to mobilise his Pawns, but allows an easy entry for the White Rook. Better may be 20...N7b6.

24.Ng5!! The attack begins with a sacrifice which Black can hardly accept, e.g. 24...hxg5? 25.Qh5ch, Kg8 26.f6, Nxf6 27.Rxf6!, Qxf6 28.Bh7ch, Kh8 29.Bg6ch, Kg8 30.Qh7 mate.

31.Bf5! If 31...Rxf6, Nxf6 32.Qxf6ch, Bg7 33.Qg6, d3! 34.

Bxh6, Qr5; or 31 Bxh6, d3 32.Bg5, Bg7 permits some defence.

Kupreichik - Geller

First 7 moves as in the previous game. 8a4 (Anti-Marshall; Geller specialises in the Marshall Gambit 8.c3, d5 9.exd5, Nxd5 10.Nxe5, Nxe5 11.Rxe5, c6) 8...b4 9.d4 (MCO gives 9.c3, d6 10.a5, Be6) 9...d6 10.dxe5, dxe5 11.Nbd2, Bb7 12.Qe2, Nd4 13.Qc5, Bd6! 14.Nxd4, exd4 15.e5, Ng4! 16.Qxd4 (16.exd6?, Qh4) 16...Nxe5 17. Rxe5, Bxe5, 18. Qxe5, Re8 19.Qg3?, Re1ch; 0-1 in view of 20.Nf1, Rxf1ch 21.Kxf1, Qd1 mate. White be should played 20.Qh5 with an unclear outcome, Black having compensation for material in the pin on White's QB.

END GAME

Last week's ending by A. Motor (1973): White: Ka 1; Rg5; Nd8; Pb2. Black: Kb8; Be3; Ps-b3, c2. Draw. 1.Nc6ch, Kc8 2.Rg8ch, Kc7 3.Rg7ch (or 3...Kxc6 4.Rc7ch etc with continuous checks or stalemate) 3...Kb6 4.Rb7ch, Kc4 (If 4...Ka6 5.Nb4ch, Kxb7 6. c1QchQc6 7.Nxc1, Bxc1, Bxc1 is a draw) 5.Nb4ch, Kxb7 6.Nd3, c1Qch 7.Nxc1, Bxc1 is a draw; White simply repeats Kb1/Ka1) 5.Rb5ch, Kd6 (or 5...Kxb5 6.Nd4ch, Kb4 7. Nxb3, Kxb3 stalemate) 6. Rd5ch etc; if 3...Kd6 4.Rd7ch etc.

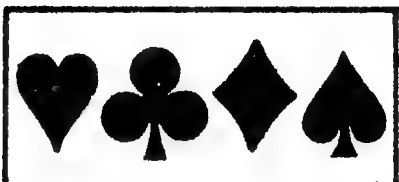
White to play and win

played this was the position:

North	
AQ1062	
nil	
A6	
West	East
J98	nil
107	nil
nil	South
nil	7
	109
	Q109
	nil
	8
	765

It was pointless for West to ruff on air so he discarded a heart. Jaggi was then able to ruff the last diamond in hand which West could over-ruff for the last defensive trick. If Jaggi had routinely drawn trumps, he'd have ended up losing two diamonds and a trump in addition to the heart ace already lost.

Jaggi played the hand well but his play could have been improved upon. Do you see how? Jaggi's line would have failed if West had a 2,5,4,2 distribution for instance. He could have spread his safety net wider.



BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

KOOKING for snags and pitfalls is the hallmark of a fine player which is why Jaggi Shrivdasani was able to bring home this hand:

North
AQ1062
K43
AQJ6
2
South
K74
J8
852
A7653

Playing in a league match against Parasrampur's team Jaggi found himself in "4S" from the South end after a fancy transfer sequence, ensuing in the wake of their Precision "1 club".

The opening lead was a lucky low heart away from the queen, fetching East's ace. The contract looked safe. What could go wrong? Only the lethal combination of the diamond king off-side and bad breaks in both the pointed suits! Jaggi won the heart return in dummy and ruffed the third heart in hand. He

then finessed in diamonds and lost. A club return was wor. by the ace and a club ruffed on board fetching the fall of West's knave and king. The opponents carding up to this point suggested five hearts and two clubs with West but this was only a tentative count. If the spades and diamonds were evenly divided the hand would roll but what if West turned up with four spades and two diamonds?

Jaggi cashed a high diamond, came up with the SK and played a low diamond from hand catering to the lay-out that was.

North	
AQ1062	
K43	
AQJ6	
West	East
J983	5
Q10752	A98
86	K1097
KJ	Q10984
	K74
	J8
	852
	A7653

When the third diamond was

Pen Friends Corner

Suvro Ganguly - 20

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Music, sportsworld, travelling.

Ms. Kasturi Dasgupta - 22

P-15, 16, 17, Gariahat Road
South

Flat NE, 8th floor, Calcutta-700
068.

Reading, painting, singing, music,
sports.

Sunil Kumar Pal - 15

G-101, Nanak Pura, New
Delhi-110021.

Cricket, western music,

Ms. Arundhati N Char - 19

1/99, MIG flats, Karelilbaug,
Baroda-390 018, Gujarat.

Music, reading, movies,
gardening.

Khalid Mustafa - 18

Jamia Millia Islamia,

Deptt of Technology,
Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110
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Poetry, music, soccer, penpals

Wasiq Ali Khan - 17

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Cricket, radio, science and
technology.

Md. Ayaz Ahmad - 18

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- Has angling ever been included in the Olympic Games?
- Who was the first man to represent two countries in Olympic Games?
- A Czech athlete and his wife won gold medals in the same Olympic games, the husband in track events and wife in field events—who were they?
- In the 1932 Olympics a Japanese won the hundred meters freestyle swimming event—who was he?
- Which is the biggest swimming pool in the world and where is it situated?
- Who was the winner of the women's singles title in the 1983 World Badminton Cham-

WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

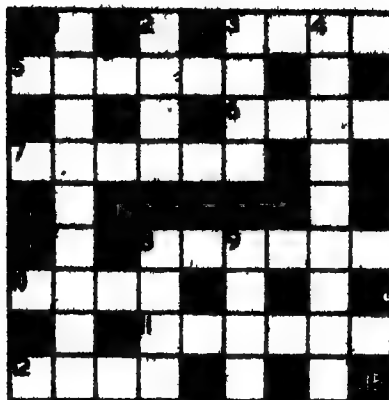
- Who has been the tallest basketball player to represent Great Britain uptill now?
- In which year was the English Amateur Billiards Championship instituted?
- Who was the first person to attempt round arm bowling?
- To which countries do the following cricketers belong—(a) Xenophon Balaskas, and b) Les

Favell?

- Has there been an instance in Test cricket when no one in the batting side in an entire inning has reached double figures?

ANSWERS

- Yes, at Paris, 1900. 2. Noel Faveil, represented England in 1920 and Ireland in 1924. 3. Emil and Dana Zetoppek, 1952. 4. Yasuji Miyazaki. 5. At Casablanca, Morocco, 480m long and 75m wide. 6. Li Lingwei, China. 7. Chris Green, 1969, 7ft 6 1/4 in. 8. 1888. 9. Tom Walker, 1792. 10. Yes, South Africa v England at Birmingham in 1924, S Africa all out 30.



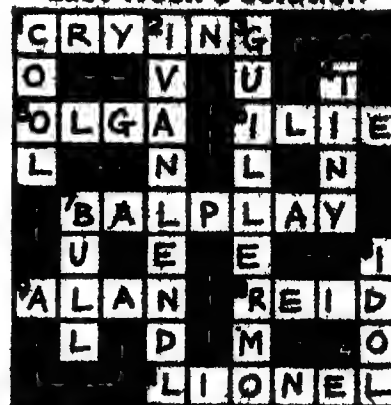
3 In the recent Ranji final, Madan Lal did Bhaskar Pillay for a run, only for that worthy to stay put and see his skipper go back to the pavilion (4)

5. Ranade, a famous name in the tennis world (6).
6. South Africa holding 'it' girl (4).
7. On and off? (6).
8. Donnelly in the New Zealand team of yesterday, the younger Crowe today (6)
10. Did in front of ball an antic (4)
11. Memory of having lost it very narrowly is not easy to erase (6).
12. Football is - and - is football (4)

DOWN

- 1 South Africa's not so fairy-tale view of England's Ashes-winning fast bowler? (4 5)
- 2 What the easy-going jockey does (4)
- 3 Something to Australia's credit in tennis (4)
- 4 What Tiger Pataudi habitually was even in his playing days,

Last week's solution



though that in no way affected his ability to negotiate such a ball (4 5)

- 8 Utopian wicket-keeper? (4)
- 9 Banerjee could be Bari (4)

Q. How many times has Rudy Hartono won the All England Championship and in which years?

Sameer Chauhan,
Raichur

A. Rudy Hartono of Indonesia has won the All England Championship eight times all-together, seven times in succession, from 1968 to 1974, and once in 1976

Q. Who were the winners of the men's singles title in the French Open Tennis Championship from 1974?

Devendra Dubey,
Lucknow.

A. 1974 - Bjorn Borg (Sweden), 1975 - Bjorn Borg (Sweden) 1976 - Adriano Panatta (Italy), 1977 - Guillermo Vilas (Argentina), 1978 - 1979 - 1980 - 1981 - Bjorn Borg (Sweden), 1982 - Mats Wilander (Sweden), 1983 - Yannick Noah (France), 1983 - Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia), and 1985 - Mats Wilander (Sweden)

Q. What was the venue of the second Test match between India and England of the 1952 series? What was the result and who scored the highest runs in that Test match?

Rahul Bahuguna,
Sewri, Bombay.

A. The venue of the second Test between India and England of the 1952 Test series was at Lord's, England. The Test match was won by England by eight wickets. Vinoo Mankad of India scored the highest runs in that Test. He scored 184,

QUESTION BOX

runs coming in as an opening batsman in the second innings

Q. How many runs have Ajit Wadekar and M.L. Jaisimha scored in the Duleep Trophy Cricket Tournament? Sujata Patil, Pune.

A. Ajit Wadekar has scored 1545 runs at an average of 67.17, and M.L. Jaisimha has scored 1456 runs at an average of 46.96 in the Duleep Trophy Cricket Tournament

Q. Has Rajinder Pal played in Tests for India? If yes, give his Test record?

Sukhvinder Singh,
Bombay.

A. Yes, Rajinder Pal has represented India in one Test match. He played two innings, not out once, scored six runs, three not out as highest, at an average of 6.00.

Q. What are the Test records of K.M. Rangnekar, Mohammed Nissar, and M.S. Haridkar?

Sanjay Sahu,
Baroda.

A. Rangnekar has played three Tests, six innings, scored 33 runs, 18 as highest, at an average of 5.50.

Mohammed Nissar has played 6

Tests, 11 innings, 3 times not out, 55 runs, 14 as highest, at an average of 6.87. He has taken 25 wickets, at an average of 28.28. Handkar has played 2 Tests, 4 innings, not out once, 56 runs, 32 not out as highest, at an average of 18.66. He has also taken one wicket.

Q. What was the venue and the exact date of the first Winter Olympic Games? How many countries participated?

Narendra Kalelkar,
Nasik.

A. The venue of the first Winter Olympics was at Chamonix, France from 25th January to 4th February, 1924. 16 countries participated in these Games.

Q. How many runs did Sunil Gavaskar score in the second Test of the 1979 series against England?

Suresh Bhatia,
Goregaon, Bombay.

A. Gavaskar scored 42 in the first innings and 59 in the second innings.

Q. What are the birth dates of Chandrakant Pandit and Sadanand Vishwanath?

Jayesh Motiram,
Indore.

A. Chandrakant Pandit - 30-9-1961, Sadanand Vishwanath - 29-11-1962.

To promote friendship and goodwill

It may be recalled that the Quadrangular Soccer Tournament was started by the Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) Football Association 33 years ago. The participation of the four countries, Indian, Pakistan, Burma and Sri Lanka in a common tournament had its own advantages in promoting friendship and goodwill.

I am sure even now that if there is a reciprocal exchange of soccer and hockey teams between these countries periodically, much of the present political tension would be defused.

I would suggest that India, being the biggest country in this area, should now take the initiative and start some such tournament. The aims and objectives of this tournament should be to promote friendship and better understanding among the participating countries.

I stress the need for the revival of such a tournament because the present situation is in dire need of some such outlet to settle political differences.

S. Hussain
(Dilrugarh)

The Handicapper was correct

ACCORDING to Railbird, R.R. Byramji, trainer of Fun of Fayre has complained against the handicapping of his ward in relation to Turkish Light and Railbird thinks that placing Fun of Fayre five kilos above Turkish is wrong.

In my opinion, the Handicapper was quite right. At the last winter in the Ardent Knight Cup, Fun of Fayre was 49 kilos while Turkish Light was allotted 62 kilos. Fun of Fayre won by one length.

In their next meeting, which was the Sprinters Trial Stakes (a terms race) Fun of Fayre was at the 50.5 kilos mark and Turkish Light at 55.5 kilos. In other words, Turkish Light was running eight kilos better terms. In spite of this, Turkish Light finished 1 1/4 lengths behind Fun of Fayre (race won by Shakti who carried 55 kilos.)

The Handicapper was therefore correct in making Fun of Fayre (who before the close of winter won the Hyderabad Silver Vase carrying 60.5 kilos) give five kilos to Turkish Light.

Surely the Handicapper couldn't have ignored the performance of the two animals in the Sprinters

Trial stakes merely because it was a terms race. It was not the weight that stopped Fun of Fayre. The Bangalore Handicapper generally does not make a mistake. He didn't in the latest case.

K. Ganeshan
(Madras)

'Superstars of Soccer'

MANY, many thanks to Debrata Chowdhury for his superb serial 'Superstars of Soccer'. Soccer is the number one sport in the world and it is unfortunate that it receives such little exposure in our country.

Chowdhury's choice of players has been very good. I do hope that he will write on Lev Yashin, the former Russian star and number one goalkeeper in the world who lost his legs four months ago due to an operation.

Kaushik Majumdar
(Ranchi-8)

Sports conscious

I would like to thank the Board of Control for Cricket in India and the World Cup committee specifically for allotting the World Cup final to Calcutta.

The people of Calcutta are amongst the most sports conscious in the country and in a sense this decision is a homage to them. Also, there can be no better venue for such an important match than the Eden Gardens. For sheer beauty and capacity, the Eden Gardens is unrivalled.

Dass. K. Sandy
(Jamshedpur)

A lesson for menfolk

INDIA failed to grab a single medal at the L.A. Games last year. Yet, the ones who salvaged some pride for the country were the five women athletes, who on that trip achieved a remarkable tally of one Commonwealth, two Asian and four Indian marks for the record books.

The secret of the success of the women is the tremendous upsurge in competitive sports for women. Coaching centres are witness to immaculately turned out women training away with the kind of dedication which should shame the men.

India now no longer have to look

up to the Gavaskars, Kapils, Padukones or Krishnans to bring laurels to the country. We have the likes of P.T. Usha and her kin to do the same. Women like Shiny Abraham, Asha Agarwal, Bachendri Pal, Am Ghia, Indu Puri, Diana Eduljee and Usha herself have redeemed India!



Shiny Abraham

prestige during the last couple of years.

If carefully nurtured, these sportswomen have tremendous potential to keep the country's flag flying high for years to come.

Shilbhadra Datta
(Calcutta-29)

Worthwhile efforts

PERMIT me the indulgence of your columns with reference to the article by P.N. Sunderasen in Sportsweek dated June 12-8, 1985.

It is nice to be remembered after 18 years of retirement. An appreciation and remembrance like this article makes a sportsman or sportswomen feel all efforts and sacrifices have been worthwhile.

Today India leads the world in billiards and snooker. We should be justifiably proud that two Indians are world champions in both these games.

Thank you Mr. Sunderasen.

Thank you Sportsweek

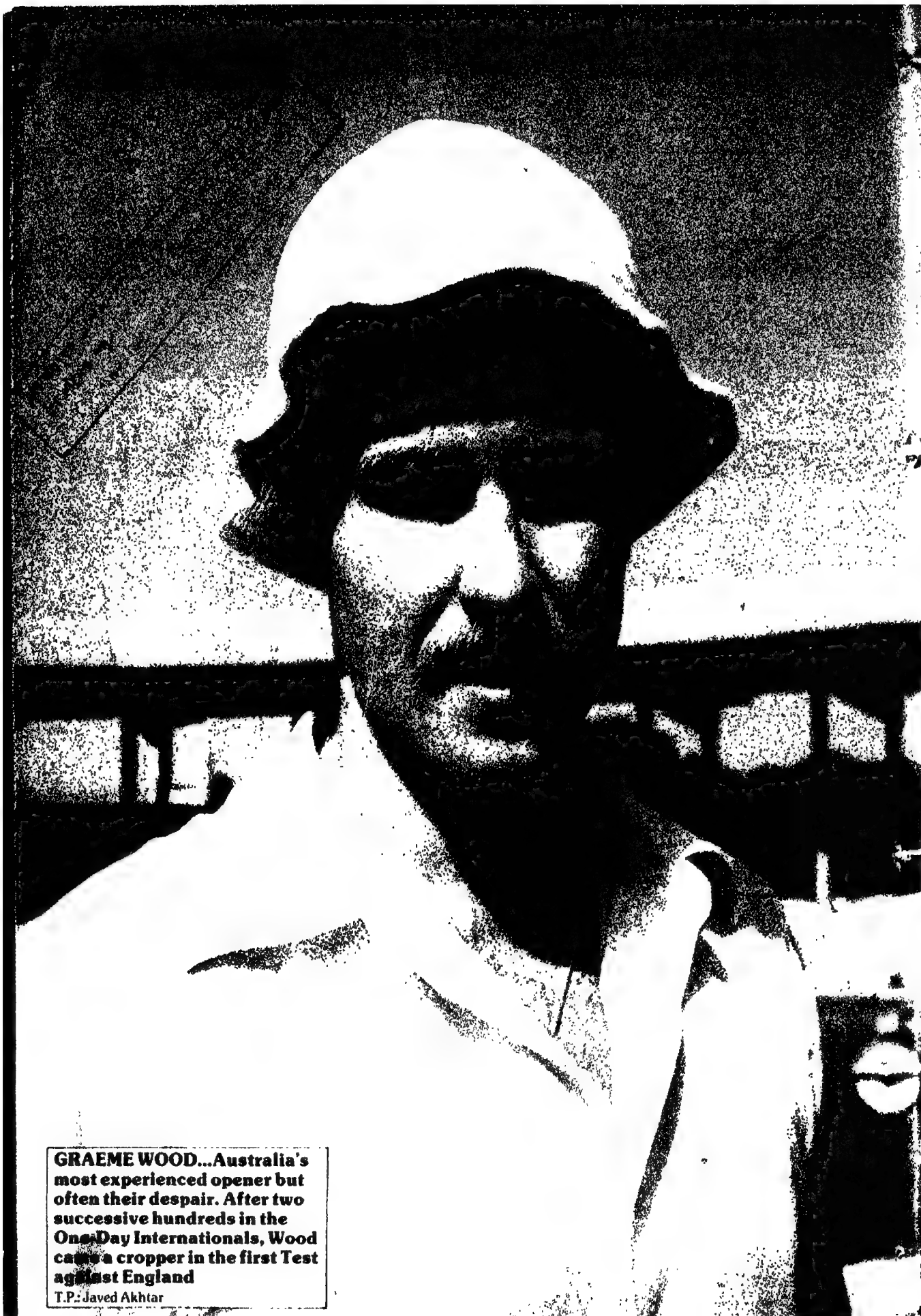
Wilson Jones
(Bombay-26)

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JOHN EMBUREY...England's best off spinner was out of business for three years for going to South Africa. At Headingley, he made his re-entry to Test cricket in great style

J.P. Jayaram



GRAEME WOOD...Australia's most experienced opener but often their despair. After two successive hundreds in the One-Day Internationals, Wood came a cropper in the first Test against England

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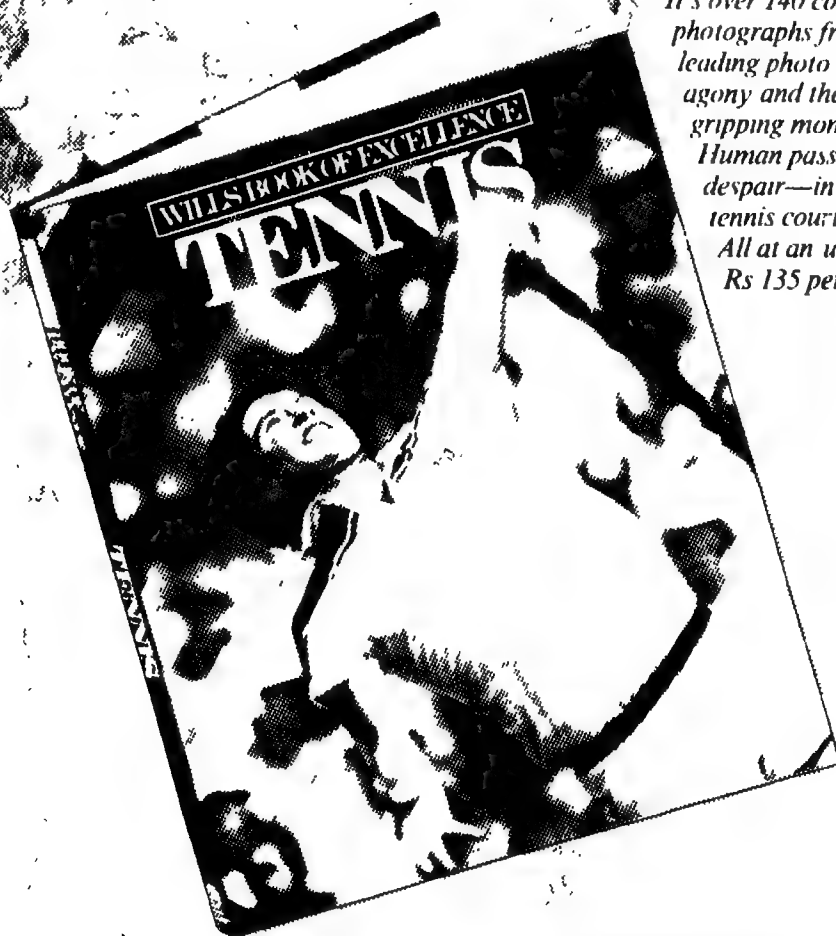
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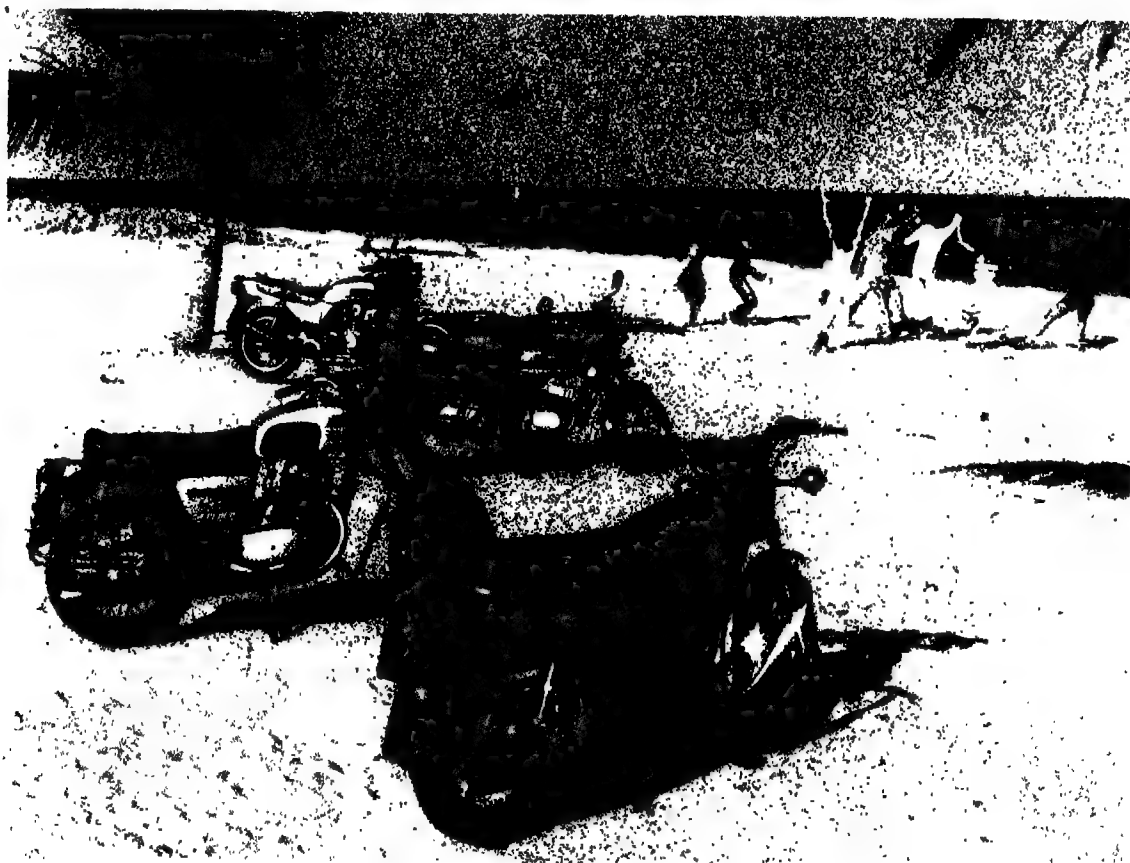


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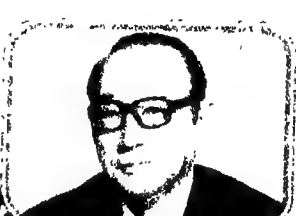
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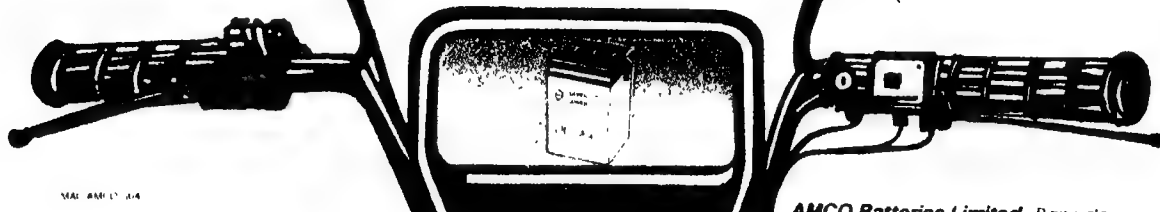
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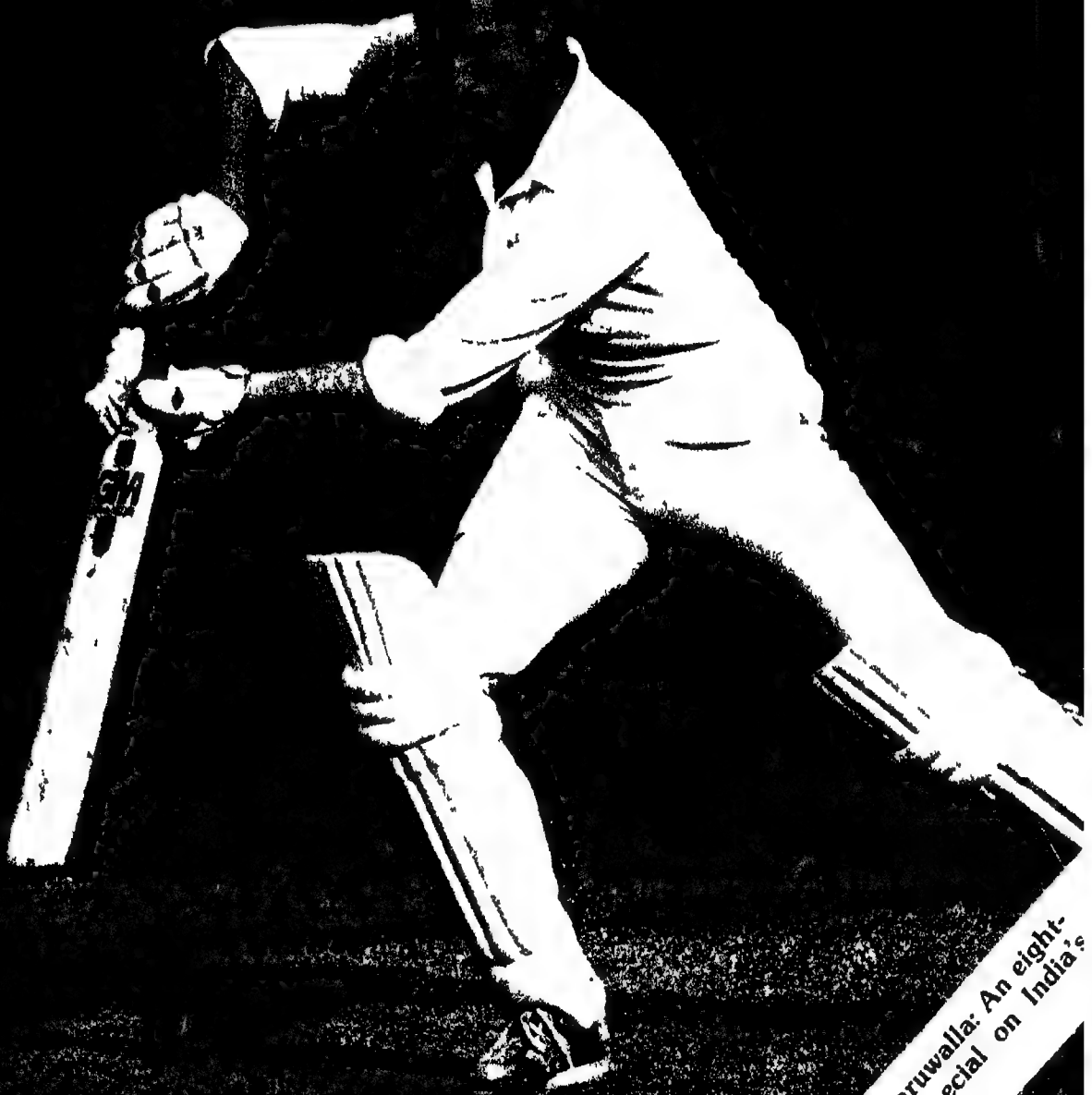
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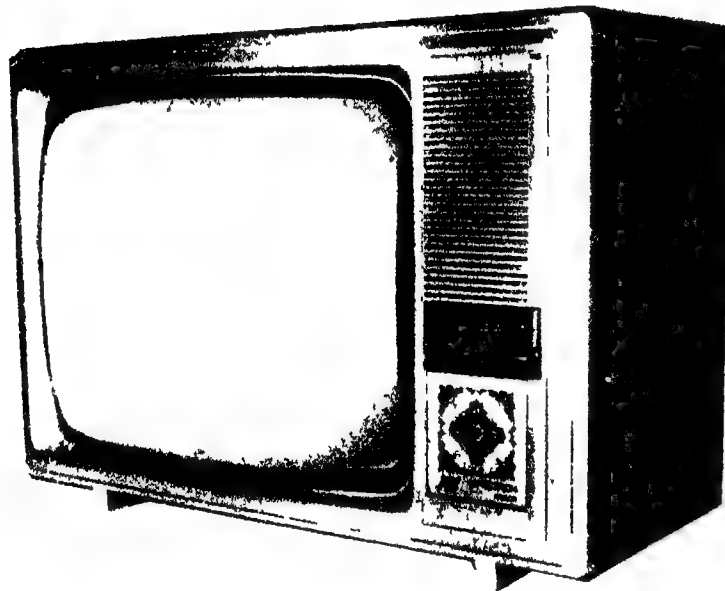
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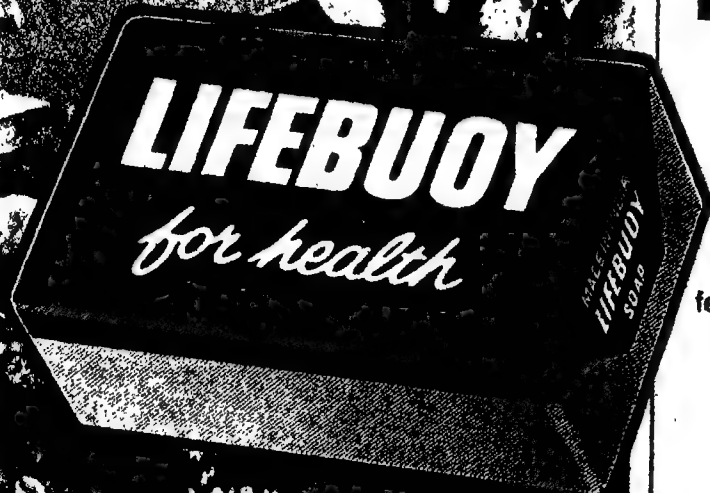
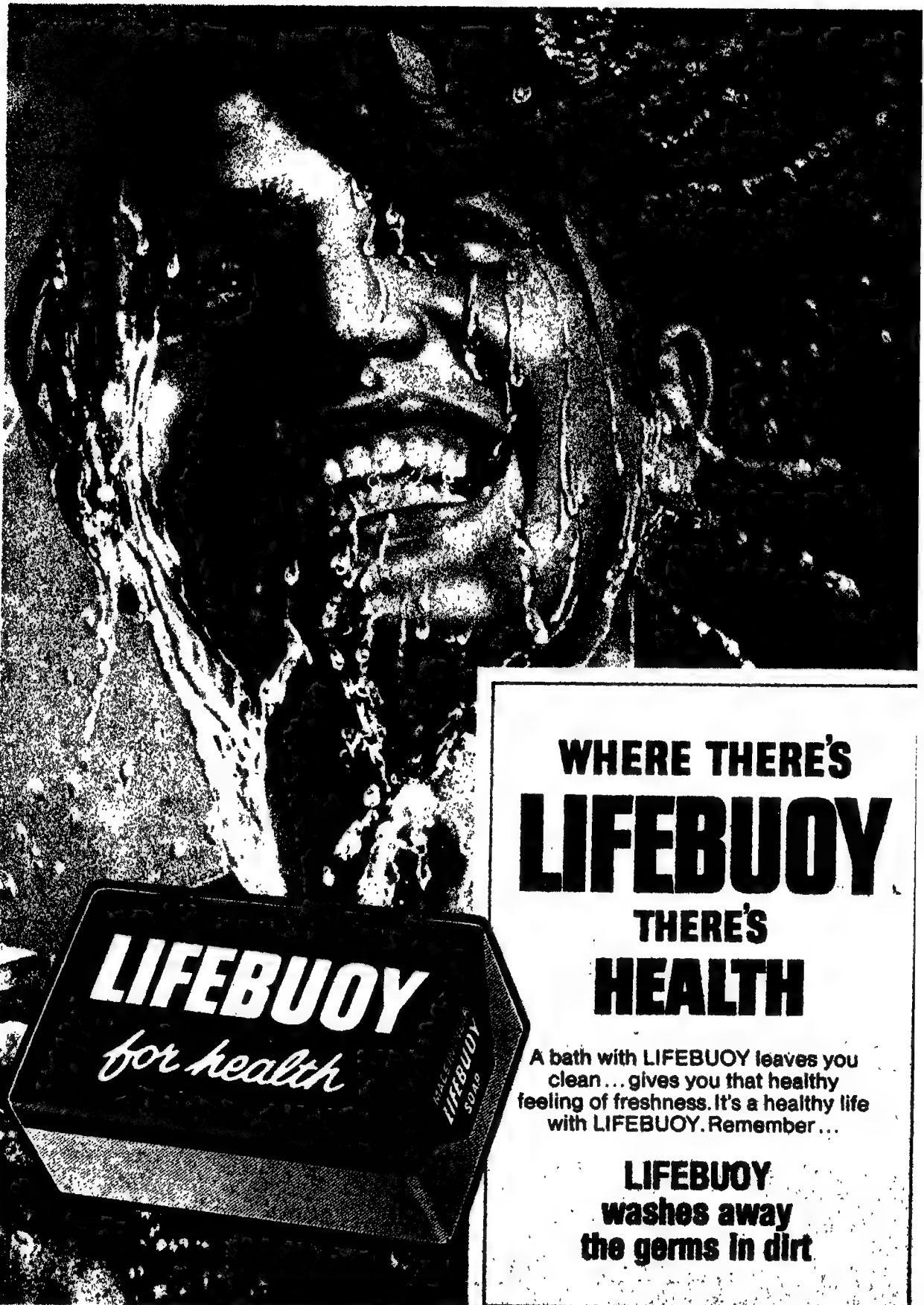
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'IAN WAS even more upset that my efforts were going unrewarded. He did not think too much of me as a sledger,' writes Allan Lamb in the second extract from his autobiography - The Allan Lamb Story. A SPORTSWEEK exclusive.



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AFTER He sent No. 11 seed Yannick Noah tumbling out of the tournament in the third round of the All England Championships, Amritraj's love affair with Wimbledon is growing. A report on the Indian tennis ace's shock victory over the fancied Noah.



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THEY ARE the Wimbledon Chauffeuses who get around £200 a week for driving the players to and from their West End hotels throughout the tournament. A report by Hilary Doling on these girls who get to know the tennis stars first hand.

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FOR ALL HIS frenzied acts all that at Cheema earned was a yellow card when an oyster looked to be the only punishment, writes Debabrata Chowdhury in his report on the Calcutta Soccer League now in progress.



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KRISHNAN REALLY lifted his game with a professional approach, in contrast to the happy go lucky manner of the amateur, writes P N Sundaresan, continuing his trend-setters series with Ramanathan Krishnan.



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Chalk up one for the Aussies too!

By Pat Gibson

ALLAN Border, so often Australia's man of crisis in the recent past, pulled his side out of a last day mire and ensured that the two teams go to Old Trafford for the third Test with the series level.

With only 81 runs to make on the fifth day and seven wickets in hand, Australia suffered some jolts before reaching their target with four wickets to spare. Border remained unconquered with 41 and there is little doubt that without his stabilising influence Australia would have capitulated to Botham and the spinners Edmonds and Emburey.

Border's overnight partner Wesels was run out by a smart piece of fielding by David Gower and Boon too did not last long. But Wayne Phillips played a brief, attacking innings of 29 and his 51-run partnership with Border put the issue beyond doubt.

Border was named man of the match, his magnificent 196 in the Australian first innings being the piece de resistance of the Test. But Ian Botham, the rumbustious England all rounder, ran him close with seven wickets in the match and 85 runs in England's second innings.

First day

DAVID Gower passed his public examination in captaincy at Lord's without having to answer half of the questions.

He secured his position for the rest of the summer by making 86 of England's 273 for eight after they had been put into bat by Australia.

All they really wanted to see from Gower was a return of the touch and timing that make him one of the world's finest stroke players – coupled with a sense of responsibility.

And they were therefor all to see as he stayed 31.4 hours and stroked 12.4s to salvage an innings that would have been a bit of a sham without him.

There was something in the wicket for the seamers and Craig McDermott gave Australia a great

start by trapping Tim Robinson, the hero of Headingley, leg before for 169 runs less than he got at Leeds.

McDermott won another lbw decision against Graham Gooch, who looked genuinely aggrieved because he obviously thought his pad was outside the line of the off-stump.

Mike Gatting, Gower's only serious rival for the captaincy, did his best to help his skipper repair the damage by sharing a third-wicket stand of 48 in 12 overs.

But he did his cause no good at all when he fell leg before, offering no stroke to Geoff Lawson in sickeningly similar fashion to those two dismissals against West Indian Malcolm Marshall at Lord's last summer that cost him his Test place.

Allan Lamb could not time his shots any better than Gatting he done – but England were helped by an epidemic of no-balls from Lawson, who was called 13 times, four overs by umpire David Evans and 19 times in all.

And when Gower reached on his fourth half-century in 211 runs since taking over the captaincy from Bob Willis last year, he advanced towards his highest score in office, Australia's gamble seemed to have misfired.

But then Gower, having just hit McDermott gloriously through the covers off the back foot, went for an ambitious off-drive and edged straight to his opposite number Allan Border at second slip.

That was three balls before Ian Botham, who had announced his



Allan Border...his stabilising influence gave Australia through

And it was just as well that the Middlesex trio of Paul Downton with another gritty 21 John Embury, with a gallant 33 and Phil Edmonds conjured up another 62 runs by the end of a day that must have given satisfaction to both sides.

Second day

MIKE GATTING could go down in history as the England cricketer who literally threw away a Test match against Australia

Gatting's jubilation at catching Australian captain Allan Border at

short-leg for 87 yesterday turned abruptly to deepest despair - at Lord's of all places!

For Gattling, after struggling with and then apparently holding the ball as Border clipped left-arm spinner Phil Edmonds firmly off his legs triumphantly flicked it into the air.

Then, with Border heading for the pavilion, in acceptance of his dismissal neither Gatting nor Paul Downton diving forlornly in opposite directions could catch the ball before it hit the ground.

Their frenzied reaction tended to give the lie to any claim that the catch had been held and umpire Dickie Bird stoically refused to uphold England's agonised appeal.

That incident naturally overshadowed everything else that happened on a gloomy frustrating second day.

But until then Bolder himself had similarly overshadowed everything else by batting with a degree of skill and confidence which is ob-

viously beyond any of his players

Border considered that his gamble of putting England in to bat had paid off when they were all out for 290 - thanks to fast bowler Craig McDermott who confirmed his vast potential with six for 70 in only his fourth Test.

But not too many Australians

Score-board

England 1st innings	
GA F Rob b's h McDermott	30
RT Rob b's h McDermott	30
UJ Gower b's h McDermott	86
MW Irving b's h Lawson	14
AJ Lamb b's h Lawson	17
IT Butt b's h Ricketts Lawson	8
PH Dwyer b's h McDermott	21
JE Fingleton b's h McDermott	33
PH Dwyer b's h McDermott	21
NA Foster b's h McDermott	3
r J W A b's h McDermott	1
Extras b's h McDermott	23
Total	280

Fall of wick 5 1 26 25 3 99 4 179 0 184
6 211 7 8 2 11 82

Australia Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Laws	25	2	91	3
McDonnell	29.2	5	70	6
O'Donnell	23	3	82	1
Holliday	23	6	42	0

Australia 1st innings	
GM A w l F n n o u r b A l o t t	8
AMJ H l d l r F o s t e	14
K C W a n s l e l b b o o t h e r	11
AR B o r d e r C r o b b P h a n	195
GM R i n d l e t w b H o t h a m	94
W B P h i l l i s f i r o n j s b P a t h e r	21
S P O D e n l a m o t e d n o r d e	48
G F L o w e r c r o t t	5
C I M C e t e r n s t	9
R G H e l l b F r a n d	0
Extras (11 10 1 w 1 b 4)	18
Total	425

Fall of wickets 1 11 2 24 3 80 4 101 5 317
 b 342 7 390 8 414 9 424

England Bowling	O	M	R	W
Foster	23	1	83	1
Allott	30	4	70	1
Botham	24	2	109	5
Edmonds	25	5	88	2
Croft	3	1	11	0
Emburey	9	3	57	0

England (second innings) C A Gooch c Phillips b McDermott 17 RT Abbott b Holland 12 J E Emburey b Lawson 20 P W Allott b Lawson 0 D I Gower c Phillips b McDermott 22 M W Gatting not out 75 A J Lamb c Holland b Lawson 9 I T Botham c Border b Holland 85 PR Downing c Boon b Holland 0 PH Edmonds c Boon b Holland 1 NA Foster c Border b Holland 0 Extras (b 1 lb 12 w 4 nb 3) 20 Total 261

Fall of wickets 1 32 2 34 3 38 4 57 5 77
6 98 7 229 8 229 9 261

Bowling M. Dermott 20 2 84 2 Lawson
23 0 86 3 McIlwain 12 12 88 5 O'Donnell 5 0-
10 0

Australia (second innings) AMJ Hilditch c Lamb b Bol 17 (1) M Wood c Lamb b Botham 6 KC Wesons JR 128 M Ritchie b Allott 2 AR Border c 141 JC Booth b Edmonds 1 WB Phillips c Edmonds b Barclay 79 SP O'Donnell not out 9 Extras b 11 11 Total (for six wickets) 127

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 116	29	322	463	565			

Bowling Ball #15 (472) Alloy 7481
Elevated 15 ft 5 in 1 ft h w 4 741

Australia won by 4 wickets



Greg Ritchie...unfortunate to miss a hundred after being a marvellous help in Border



shared Border's optimism once England's seamers, bowling far better than they had done in the first Test, got to work on a pitch allowing them considerable movement

They got an unexpected bonus when Graeme Wood - again unable to control his suicidal tendencies - virtually swept Paul Allott straight to John Emburey at long leg

Andrew Hilditch lived dangerously before Neil Foster hit his off-stump and then Ian Botham took over to have Kepler Wessels leg-before and David Boon caught behind

But if 101 for four represented a crisis, then the Aussie captain did not recognise it

He reached his half-century out of 77 off only 71 balls and looked in complete control until that extraordinary Border incident

The dashing Greg Ritchie helped him put on 82 in 72 minutes. Ritchie finished on 46, with Border poised ominously on 92 - scored off only 138 balls with nine 4s - when bad light ended play

Third day

ALLAN BORDER the next day added pain to Mike Gatting's acute embarrassment at Lord's by amassing a fabulous 196 - his highest ever Test score

Border was denied a maiden double century when he was caught at second slip by Graham Gooch off Ian Botham after 450 minutes at the crease

But Border, a magnificent batsman and an inspiring skipper, had put his side firmly in the driving seat

He has the ability to hit the loose ball to the boundary time and time again. And how he made England suffer

And it was a trifle sad to see Ritchie fall just six runs short of his second Test ton. The Queensland right-hander played so very well. Like England's Tim Robinson he's a classy back foot player, always a good sign at this level

Ritchie was a marvellous help to Border just when his country needed it most, and even the most patriotic Englishman could not have begrudged him another half dozen runs

Foster and Paul Allott got very little out of a good batting wicket although Allott looking incredulously at David Evans when the umpire refused him a catch behind the wicket with the Lancs paceman convinced that Ritchie had got a touch

Paul Downton's appeal was equally confident, but Evans was not to be persuaded and Ritchie, of course went onto score another 43 runs

Gower should have given Botham the ball before introducing Edmonds and John Emburey, but it was not until the ball was a few overs old in the afternoon that

Botham was called upon.

As he has done so in the past he quickly added to his fabulous haul of Test wickets, Ritchie, looking increasingly dangerous with every passing minute, departed in Botham's third over and Wayne Phillips, after a quickfire 21 was picked up by Edmonds close in

So Botham had struck two telling blows to add to his dismissals of Kepler Wessels and David Boon on Friday. What a map he is for the big occasion

But it was Border England were so desperately anxious to remove - and he showed no inclination at all to go. He was still there at when Australia, at 371-6, were 81 ahead

Border's contribution then was 184, and although he had scored only a dozen runs in the hour before tea his mere presence was enough to give the Aussies the edge

Fourth day

A stupendous partnership of 131 between Ian Botham and Mike Gatting revived England just when it seemed that they would lose by an innings. Ian Botham, played a highly responsible innings which was quite out of character

He joined Gatting with England tottering on 98 for six. For the next two and a quarter hours these two batting splendidly put on 131 before Botham tried to loft Bob Holland over long off, miscued the stroke and was comfortably caught by Border at cover.

To make matters worse for England, Paul Downton was caught off the very next ball and it took all of Mike Gatting's ingenuity to farm the strike which enabled England to reach 261.

Holland finished with five wickets in the innings in a skilful display of leg spin bowling. The damage earlier in the day had been done by Geoff Lawson who took three wickets in an inspired spell and Craig McDermott who took one more wicket to add Gooch's dismissal the day before.

Australia were left with a target of 127, but if they thought that they were going to have an easy passage they had not contended with the irrepressible Botham.

In spite of a bruised foot which was heavily bandaged, Botham bowled a hostile opening spell and removed Hilditch and Wood in his first three overs. With Allott getting through Ritchie's defence, Australia were reduced to 47 for three by close and an exciting final day was made possible.



Like them? I've had my ears pierced in case hooliganism spreads to the MCC!



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The Headingley Dossier

	Inaugural Year	Total Played	England Won	Opponents Won	Matches Drawn
vs Australia	1899	19	8	5	8
vs South Africa	1907	8	5	1	2
vs N Zealand	1949	5	3	1	1
vs India	1952	4	3	-	1
vs West Indies	1957	7	2	4	1
vs Pakistan	1962	5	3	-	2
		48	22	11	15

Updated to June 18, 1985, when England won their 225th Test in a total of 612 against all countries (158 defeats, 229 drawn). It is their 84th Test victory in a total of 252 'Ashes' Tests vs Australia. This tally includes 95 defeats against the Aussies, with 73 drawn. Australia suffered their 132nd defeat in a total of 450 Tests against all countries (191 won, 126 drawn, 1 tied)

Highest Totals at Headingley

ENGLAND'S 533 in the recent Test replaces their previous highest of 496 in 1948 against Bradman's invincibles as the top total against the Aussies at this venue

However, England's record for their highest total in any Headingley Test remains inviolate, viz 550 for four declared vs India in 1967

Of course, the record for the top-most tally in a Headingley Test remains Australia's 584 in 1934



John Edrich scored the only triple century for England at Headingley

31 Centuries for England at Headingley

	Single	Double	Triple	Total	The Record
vs NZ	8	-	1	9	310* John Edrich 1966
vs Ind	3	1	-	4	246* Geoff Boycott 1967
vs Aus	9	-	-	9	191 Geoff Boycott 1977
vs SA	4	-	-	4	139 Peter May 1951
vs Pak	2	-	-	2	119 Peter Parfitt 1962
vs WI	3	-	-	3	116 Tony Greig 1976
				116	Allen Knott 1976

26 Centuries Against England at Headingley

	Single	Double	Triple	Total	The Record
for Aus	12	-	2	14	334 Don Bradman 1930
for SA	3	1	-	4	238 Eric Rowan 1951
for WI	6	-	-	6	174 Gary Sobers 1966
for Ind	2	-	-	2	148 Mansur A Pataudi 1967
for NZ	-	-	-	0	96 F B Smith 1949
for Pak	-	-	-	0	91 Sadiq Mohammed 1971

38 Century Stands for England at Headingley

	100-199	200-299	300 & above	Total	The Record
vs NZ	6	-	1	7	369 Edrich/ Barrington 1965
vs Ind	4	1	-	5	262 Boycott/ D Oliveira 1967
vs Aus	15	-	-	15	187 May/ Washbrook 1958
vs WI	1	-	-	1	152 Greig/ Knott 1976
vs SA	7	-	-	7	141 Hutton/ Washbrook 1947
vs Pak	3	-	-	3	135 Boycott/ D Oliveira 1971

35 Century Stands Against England at Headingley

	100-199	200-299	300 & above	Total	The Record
for Aus	11	2	2	15	388 Pontiford/ Bradman 1934
for WI	4	1	-	5	265 Nurse/ Sobers 1955
for Ind	3	1	-	4	222 Hazare/ Manjrekar 1952
for SA	4	-	-	4	198 Rowan/ van Ryneveld 1951
for Pak	3	-	-	3	129 Zahoor/ Mushtaq 1971
for NZ	4	-	-	4	120 Donnelly/ Smith 1949

30 times 5 or more Wkts-in-Inns for England at Headingley

	5w/	6w/	7w/	8w/	Total	The Record
vs Aus	7	8	-	1	16	5-43 Bob Willis 1981
vs SA	-	1	2	1	4	8-59 Colin Blythe 1907
vs NZ	4	1	1	-	6	7-51 Tony Lock 1958
vs WI	1	2	-	-	3	6-36 Peter Loader 1957
vs Pak	1	-	-	-	1	6-74 Ian Botham 1982
vs Ind	-	-	-	-	0	4-27 Fred Trueman 1952

36 times 5 or more Wkts-in-Inns against England at Headingley

	5w/	6w/	7w/	Total	The Record
for WI	2	2	2	6	7-53 Malcolm Marshall 1984
for Aus	12	2	1	15	7-58 Charles Macartney 1909
for NZ	4	-	1	5	7-74 Lance Cairns 1983
for SA	3	3	-	6	8-17 Aubrey Faulkner 1907
for Pak	3	-	-	3	8-39 Sarfraz Nawaz 1976



THE ALLAN LAMB STORY

I teach Ian to swear—in Afrikaans

THERE IS NO tougher conflict in world sport than England versus Australia at cricket. There is no love lost on the field and the Ashes are so important to Australia.

They are to England, too, and you can bet your last dollar that we are determined to regain them this summer.

And there will be plenty of sledging out there in the middle. Sledging is making cutting remarks at the batsman, hoping to put him off his stroke, shake his confidence. The Australians are expert at it!

Bob Willis had always been strictly opposed to any sledging by his England players—he cares very much about the image of the game—but Ian Botham and myself did try it in the second Test on the 82/83 tour out there.

I had a strange experience when I found Kepler Wessels playing against me for Australia. Like me, he was born in South Africa. In fact, we played in the same Western Province side before he joined Kerry Packer and married an Australian girl and decided to make the country his home.

In this Brisbane Test we were each determined to do better than the other. He won the argument, scoring 162 in Australia's first innings when opening, whereas I made only 72. But I think I can claim a little credit for Kepler's century—if credit is the right word.

He had changed a great deal since we last played together and I was guilty of not taking that into consideration when I advised the line England should bowl to him.

Even in his early days Kepler had a widish stance, but it was even more pronounced when I saw him play again. I was to discover the reason later.

During his Western Province days, he was prone to getting out in

the gully region off a shortish delivery bowled on or about the off stump, although being a very sound leg side player.

I advised England to bowl around his off stump, but Kepler had turned into a sound player square on either side of the wicket against shortish deliveries. They were his most productive strokes as a result of his widening his stance.

But that had made him more vulnerable against the ball pitched up around his leg stump and yet I had said it had been one of his strong points.

Ian Botham always likes to try to sort out a batsman with a short ball and he needed no second invitation to do so against Kepler after what I had said. Ian grew more and more upset when Kepler smashed him with great disdain to the boundary with square cuts or pulls.

As Kepler grew in confidence in his stay, which was to last just over seven and a-half hours, the more frustrated Ian became until he came over to me and said, 'You know a few Afrikaans swear words. Have a go at him.'

I thought up some juicy ones and indulged in a little sledging every time Kepler got within earshot—nobody else—least of all the umpires—having a clue what I was saying. For all they knew, I could just have been passing the time of day.

Kepler knew all right, but it did not make the slightest difference. His expression never changed. For all the effect it had on his game, I might just as well have been swearing in Afrikaans at a kangaroo!

Ian was even more upset that my efforts were going unrewarded. He obviously did not think too much of me as a sledger.

That night he had me teach him some Afrikaans swear words and insulting phrases, which he put into operation himself the next morning. Again, it did not make any difference to Kepler's composure, except that, this time, a gentle smile played on his lips when Ian let go.

He obviously realised what had happened and could see the amusing side of it all. He could afford to. He had the last laugh with a century debut.

To make things worse for me in this private battle, Kepler came out on top when I batted again. I had made 12 when Jeff Thomson bowled me a shortish delivery which I flicked off my hips. Although I did not catch the ball completely right, I got enough bat on it for it to go for a certain four to the shortish boundary square of the wicket.

Or so I thought—until short square leg got in the way. It caught him right in the midriff before he could get his hands to it, doubled him up so quickly that the ball was trapped in his body and I was on my way back. Who was the short square leg? Kepler Wessels!

Australian wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh once called me a cheating South African. He went further, from his position squatting 15



Ian Botham...his swear words and insulting phrases had no effect on Kepler Wessels.

paces or so behind the wicket in a Test match. "You're just like the rest of them. You're all the same," he shouted, mixing in another couple of colourful words for added effect.

It happened when I had made 31 towards the 48 I was to make in the first Test in Perth - my first Test appearance against the Aussies. Dennis Lillee was bowling when I attempted to cut him and Marsh made a great song-and-dance about taking a catch behind the wicket.

The appeal was turned down, much to the disgust of Marsh and the annoyance of Lillee, who snatched his sun hat away from the umpire at the end of the over. This was the time Greg Chappell was forced to intercede and remonstrate with his fiery fast bowler.

The turning down of the appeal for the catch was the reason for Marsh's outburst against me. The subject came up again when Marsh eventually had an appeal against me upheld, this time diving forward to snatch an inside edge when I played forward against off-spinner Bruce Yardley. It was a smart piece of work.

Strangely, it was one time I did not find the remark particularly offensive, or get upset because somebody had stuck a South African label on me when I was trying to do my best for England.

I knew it was nothing personal from Marshy. He was just letting off steam.

On that Australian tour I was not alone among our batsmen in being the object of derisory comments, muttered through clenched teeth from the close-in-fielders, or from Lillee, Thommo and Geoff Lawson. They are three fast bowlers not slow in uttering the odd oath and discussing your lack of batting skill when you have played and missed against them, or edged a ball just short of a fielder.

Everybody in the side came in for the treatment at some stage, particularly Derek Randall whenever he appeared in the sights of D.K. Lillee.

"Arkle," as Randall is known, is a very twitchy person at the crease, always on the move, twirling his bat, touching his hat or pads, walking around and talking to himself.

Lillee just could not stand it. There was always plenty of verbal abuse going on between the two out in the middle, with "Arkle" giving nothing away in these exchanges.

It is a form of tribute in a way be-

cause of bowler - or fielder - only resorts to these tactics when the batsman is successful...just as Botham and I had done with Wessels in Brisbane.

The exchanges between Lillee and Randall could be seen from the boundary edge, although they never became heated enough to force the umpires to step in.

But it was apparent that something was going on, with the arm-waving that was involved. Yet the evening following my little incident with Marshy, our dressingroom door burst open after the day's play and in walked Lillee with a couple of trays loaded with a delicious assortment of seafood.

Dennis is a Perth man with a friend who owns a seafood restaurant. Hence the treat.

Close behind him was Marsh,

Greg Chappell and most other members of Aussie team, each carrying two or three cans of lager to pass around to the England team.

We spent a friendly hour together, eating and drinking, swapping stories, telling jokes, reliving past incidents. But no references to any of the remarks made in the sledging that had been going on!

I got on with the Aussies, although some of the lads in the party became a little fed up with the macho image they try to put across, of a hard-drinking, back-slapping, blunt, no-nonsense breed of men who are completely in charge.

Most of it is just a front. Argue back, shout them down, stand your ground and the aggression disappears. Underneath you will find normal human beings. Generous ones, too.



Kepler Wessels...grew in confidence and kept smashing Botham with great disdain to the boundary

THE ALLAN LAMB STORY...

'Whispering Death' — but he's a gent

WHAT A FANTASTIC farewell it was last summer for Clive Lloyd, whose last appearance it was in England as a Test captain. The West Indians beat us 5-0 in the Tests for the first whitewash of an England side since Warwick Armstrong's Australians did it back in 1920-21.

Lloyd was so overcome at the end of the fifth victory at The Oval last August that he locked the dressing-room door so he could have a few moments alone with his team, before bedlam broke out outside, in which to thank every one of them personally.

He has been the envy of every other Test captain as they have gazed out at him standing at first slip, legs wide apart, hands folded contentedly across his chest, looking out at the destruction before him from behind those thick-rimmed glasses under his sun hat. All without any apparent care — except to decide when the time was right to bring back Malcolm Marshall, Michael Holding or Joel Garner for another burst.

He is like a god to his players... a father-figure who cares for their every want and whim. Yet he is never soft with any of them. As a fast bowling unit they simply throw everything, a relentless attack, at you all the time.

Marshall is the key. He is known as the fastest bowler in the world and tries to live up to the reputation. He is also the meanest — not in terms of giving fewer runs away, but in his willingness to bounce you whenever he feels like it, and as often as he can without the umpire stepping in with an "intimidation" warning.

He forms a good opening bowling partnership with Garner because of their vastly differing styles.

You know what to expect when Garner pitches it short. Bringing the ball down from his great height — his hand must be more than 9ft in the air at the moment he releases the ball — it is bound to rise up, forcing you to play him from around your upper chest.

Marshall can also get the ball up that high from an even fuller length than Joel, yet his arm must be a good foot lower when he lets the ball go. That is why his



Michael Holding... perfectly tuned

bouncer is such a danger. No many go over the head. You are constantly being forced to take evasive action.

For back-up, they have Michael Holding, once the sheer-speed star of their attack, a graceful animal whose feet barely seem to touch the ground as he races in like a quarter-miler on his long run.

The umpires say that he is so perfectly tuned they seldom hear him approaching but that they know when he is nearing the wicket by the whites of the batsman's eyes. That's why we, in the England dressing-room, christened him "Whispering Death."

But Holding is a real gent. We came across him playing for Tasmania on the '82-'83 tour and were grateful for his generosity and understanding when we played a one-day game on a pig of a wicket at Launceston.

We knew we were in trouble when, in Holding's second over, Geoff Cook got one that jumped off a length. He was fortunate to get his bat to it.

Poor Derek Randall had no such luck in the third over from Holding when he replaced Cook.

Another full-length delivery rose up and caught him just below the nose, making a nasty mess of his mouth, an injury which put him out of the famous Melbourne Test a week later.

It was not the sight I wanted to see when I passed him, being led off, on my way to the wicket.

Holding sensed the danger. He immediately cut down his run and pitched every ball up for the remainder of his spell.

It was a gesture we all appreciated. Serious as Derek's injury was, there could have been a couple more even nastier had Holding persisted in bowling short.

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THE AUSSIE STAR WHO CAN'T RESIST A BOOGIE ON THE BOUNDARY

It's shake, rattle and bowl!

By Adella Lithman

TO SOME cricket buffs, the on-field behaviour of Australia's Greg Matthews is rather silly mid off

Dubbed The Disco Kid because of his love for dancing and rock music, this blue-eyed 25-year-old has been known to strum a phantom guitar and even do a drum roll with his hands on advertising hoardings

Traditionalist crowds have teased him by jeering at his celebratory shimmies when he has played a winning shot, and his gleeful kangaroo hops when he has bowled out the opposition

But to the not-so-stuffy, this left-handed batsman, who bowls right arm off spin is exactly what the game has been waiting for. A first class player who is a character

The Disco Kid - a tag he loathes, because it sounds like the sixties and High School - brought his music, his own language, his sapphire and diamond ear studs, his gold-rings and gold neck-chain, but left his ponytail behind after scissoring it into a waste-paper bin

"I got the impression that Greg Chappell, the second-best bat statistically that Australia has ever produced, did not like it. He told me about 'my nice hair-cut' in very sarcastic terms"

This last sentence was the coldest that the Disco Kid got to the English language

Generally conversation is spattered with words like rap (something good), hypo (extra-activity), chewed out (irritating), a gun (frightfully smart), getting off on (liking) and a few other words that do not translate so easily

He started playing cricket at eight year old, and has enjoyed a career which has enabled him not to see a winter for the past six years.

Since then he has been to-ing and fro-ing between Britain and Australia. He has played in the North Lancashire, Bolton, and Birmingham Leagues and for Worcestershire County. When the British



Poetry in motion...Greg at the disco

play for the top New South Wales side

'Cricket,' he says, 'is more than a game to me. If they took cricket away from me, I would really struggle to exist on earth'

'Cricket is indescribable. How do you describe an orgasm?'

It is the first time he has been picked against England, and the pity is that his rocking and rolling is being misunderstood by many

spectators

He explains 'Before I bat I listen to the music of Midnight Oils, and Australian group a cross between Deep Purple and Bruce Springsteen

"It gets my adrenalin pumping and relaxes me. It takes my mind off the pressures of being too hypo when you go out there."

When he is bowling and fielding and the ball is not in play, he's back with the music inside his head again

These rhythmic diversions are working well

Australia's team manager, Bob Merriman, told me: "People think because he is jiggling and dancing around the field he's not paying attention, but you watch him when the ball is being played, he concentrates very hard"

In the biting Leicester wind, he bowled 81 balls and took no wickets for 59 runs. This was no rap.

It was a lousy day because he came up against David Gower and Chris Balderstone who both scored scorching centuries

So where better for the Aussie Disco Kid to relax later than at the hottest disco in town

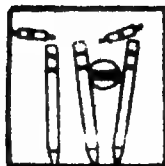
With the perspiration trickling down his face, he looked around and remarked, "There's one thing I've noticed about you Poms. It's the way kids neck in discos. We don't do it back home"

Maybe it's because out fellows are too busy downing their lager

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



Moxon hopes England will call again...



DOWN the long corridors of cricketing history, Yorkshire folk have grown accustomed to having at least one of their brethren to cheer in a Headingley Test

Sutcliffe, Bowes, Hutton, Trueman, Wardle, Close, Illingworth, Boycott... the names are endless. And, to Yorkshiremen, immortal

Sadly, as they thronged the famous old ground at Leeds for the first Cornhill Test against Australia recently, there were no "local heroes" in the England line-up.

But, if Dame Fortune had been a little kinder to Martyn Moxon over the last 12 months, this opening confrontation for the Ashes might have had that extra ingredient.

The ups and downs of the young, powerful and ambitious opening batsman from Barnsley have been comparable to a ride on a roller-coaster since his dramatic call-up by England almost a year ago

He was chosen, on the strength of some sparkling and mature performances, to play against the West Indies in the second Test at Lord's last June. But he had to stand down because of a fractured rib.

When he was fit again, Moxon continued to impress the selectors topping 1,000 runs in his first full season in first-class cricket, winning his Yorkshire cap and earning a place in the England party for the winter tour of India.

The series was to prove triumphant for skipper David Gower and his men. But not at first and, certainly, not at all for Moxon.

The assassination of India's Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi meant the start of the tour had to be re-scheduled. Then Moxon had to fly home because his father was dying.

By the time he had rejoined the tourists, Nottinghamshire's Tim Robinson had staked his claim to open the batting with Lancashire's Graeme Fowler.

Moxon could not force his way into the side for the Tests in India, consoling himself with an appear-

ance in a one-day international in Nagpur.

Now, with the Australians here, Graham Gooch has reclaimed his England place after a three-year ban, and Moxon must wonder if the door will ever open. He was even denied the chance of batting against the Australians at Leeds 10 days earlier, a painful back forcing him to rest.

How easy it would be for the strapping 25-year-old to feel resentful, frustrated and deeply de-



Martyn Moxon... It's going to be harder to get into the Test side now

spondent. Instead, he remains philosophical.

"Obviously it's going to be harder to get into the England side now that Graham Gooch is available," he admits.

"This time last year, I had no thought of playing for England. It was my first season as a regular in the Yorkshire side."

His call-up for Lord's last June was criticised in some quarters. The England selectors were accused of pushing him too hastily into international cricket. Some experts felt his withdrawal, through injury, was a blessing in disguise.

Moxon was not impressed with their argument. He told me: "I was playing as well as I have ever done at that time. And when you are

picked for England, you have to take your chance whether you think you are ready or not.

"Even now I think I might never get the chance again. But being picked to play in India has to be the highlight of my career. That and being chosen for a one-day international on the tour.

"The century I scored against South Zone also gave me tremendous satisfaction. It was only my third innings of the tour and I needed runs badly"

Home from India, eager to challenge for a place against the Australians, Moxon suffered yet another blow.

Thieves broke into his home and stole two medals, his Benson and Hedges "Man of the Matches" gold award and the medal he won when Yorkshire took the John Player League title two years ago. Neither has been returned.

By way of compensation, he found runs instead. A century for MCC against county champions Essex at Lord's in the annual show-piece pipe-opener to the season warmed the hearts of the selectors on a bitterly cold day.

"But after scoring 60 against Leicestershire in my next match I struggled a bit for a few weeks," he confesses. "The weather was poor, we didn't play much cricket and it was difficult to get into any kind of rhythm."

Until Yorkshire played Somerset at Leeds a few weeks ago. Then Moxon cracked 153 astonishingly for the third time in his career. And he equalled his two previous highest scores in a record-breaking of 223 with 18-year-old Yorkshire colt Richard Blakey.

They erased from the county's records a stand of 202 by the legendary Wilfred Rhodes and George Hirst at Bath in 1906.

"I feel a lot better after that hundred. I'm hoping I have turned the corner and I'm looking forward to the rest of the season.

"One thing I do know. If I don't get runs for Yorkshire there is no way I will be picked for England again."

RICHARD BENTLEY



NEWS FOLIO...NEWS FOLIO...

Mats knocked out

WIMBLEDON: Mats Wilander, winner of the Australian and French Open and halfway through to the Grand Slam, crashed out of the Wimbledon Championships in the first round losing to debutant Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia 6-2, 5-7, 7-5, 6-0 on the Centre Court

India's Ramesh Krishnan bowed out in the third round, losing to third seeded Jimmy Connors, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

Vijay Amritraj however had reached the last 16 at the time of going to press with an upset victory over 11th seed Yannick Noah 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

All-star refusal

TORONTO: The touring Indian all star cricket team decided against playing two matches in Ontario because of fears over their safety

in Canada following the Air India jumbo crash near the coast of Ireland.*

The team led by Gavaskar were in Detroit in the US leg of their tour when they received the news of the air crash.

Botham's record

LONDON: Ian Botham becomes the first bowler in the world to take more than five wickets in an innings 25 times.

He achieved this distinction when he claimed five for 109 in Australia's first innings against England in the second Test at Lord's, which put him ahead of the legendary Sydney Barnes.

Amiss's career best

BIRMINGHAM: Former England opener Dennis Amiss scored the seven runs he needed to reach a career aggregate of 40,000 runs against the touring

Zimbabwe team here

He is the 14th player to reach this mark.

Ali divorced

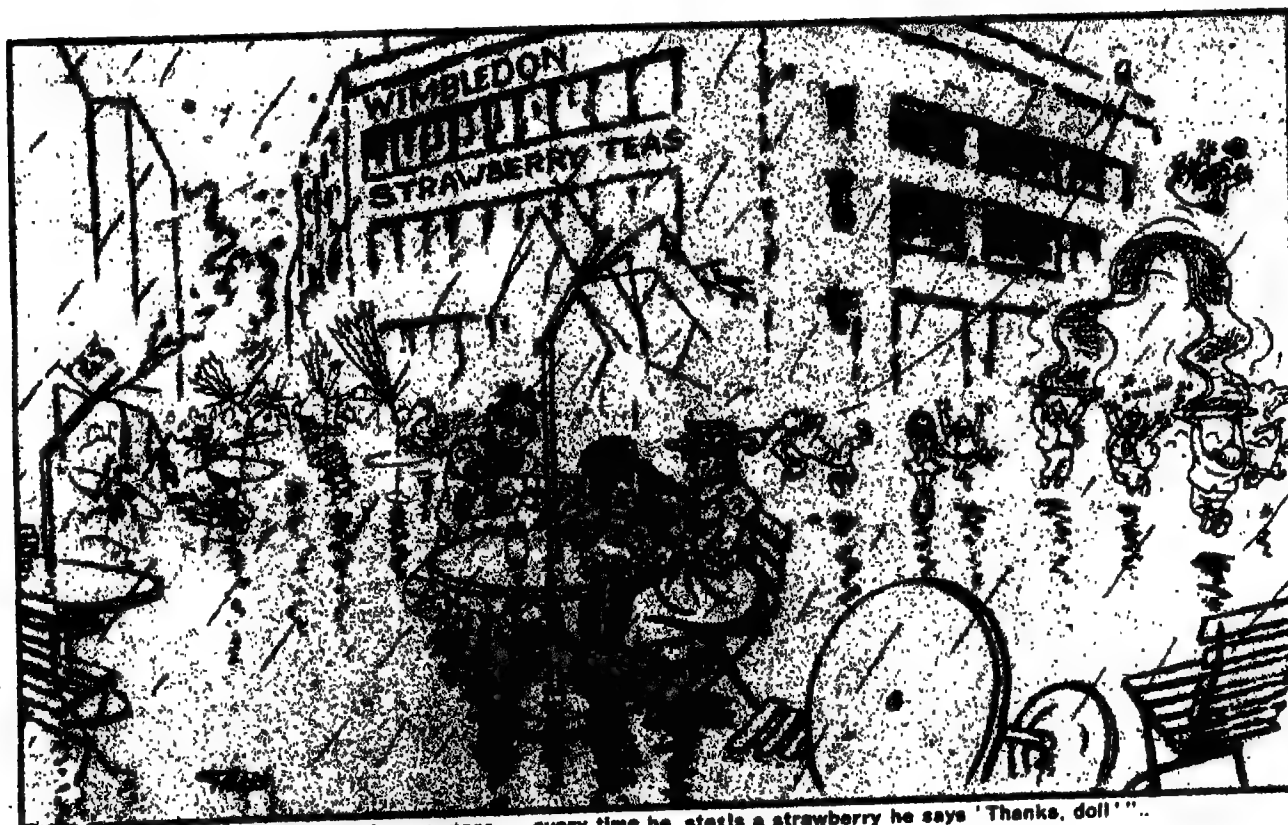
LOS ANGELES: Veronica Ali, wife of former World heavyweight boxing champion sued her husband for divorce four days after they were separated on grounds of irreconcilable differences

Usha's medal haul

NEW DELHI: Ace Indian athlete, P T Usha won two silver medals in the 400 m hurdles at the Bratislava International and at Schwecht on the Central European circuit according to the Amateur Athletic Federation of India.

She clocked 57.65 and 57.04 in the two meets respectively.

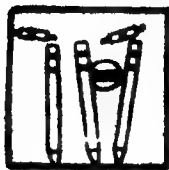
Suman Rawat set a national record in the 3000 m when she clocked 9.47.64 to finish third in the event at Schwecht.



"He's got very nice manners — every time he steals a strawberry he says 'Thanks, doll'..."

"Lad, I am your fan"

By Prof. Shankar Abhyankar



THE "Golden Jubilee" Test, celebrating the 50-years of the first Test played between England and India, was indeed a battle for supremacy in 1982. Unfortunately there were several factors against the touring team.

On an easy paced wicket, Bob Willis won the toss and elected to bat. Rain interfered in the game and Kapil Dev varied his tactics accordingly. He took full advantage of the prevailing conditions to dismiss England's first four batsmen.

Geoff Cook was trapped in front of the wicket, Chris Tavaré was neatly held by Viswanath in the slips and Allan Lamb, in his debut in Test cricket, was too early and was plumb before wicket.

At three for 37, England were struggling. Ian Botham, the great batsman, was churlish with the bowlers and took command of the situation in the company of David Gower. He steadied England with some batting display of high quality.

Botham stole the show here, clearly past the bowlers, through midwicket or the cover. As soon as Dilip Doshi was introduced into the bowling attack, dancing down the pitch, Botham lofted his second ball high over mid-off for six. He had already hit five fours and a six in his 39 not out at lunch.

Even after lunch Botham went on merrily, but Kapil also bowled with great hostility and had David Gower in serious trouble. Then Gower tried to push Kapil through the covers, got the thick outer edge and was smartly caught up by the ever agile Vishwanath.

Derek Randall, who had forced his way in the English team, pushed the score to 149, but the redoubtable Madan Lal caught Botham in two minds, when he played fractionally early in trying to whip the former through mid-wicket and Malhotra scooped up the catch. That was the end of a dynamic innings. Botham had scored his sixth fifty in seven Test innings.

Pringle, the first undergraduate since Peter May to play for England, was dismissed by Doshi and England, at six for 166 were in deep waters.

Dilip Vengsarkar was the cynosure of all eyes in the "Golden Jubilee Test" between India and England played at the Lord's. His century was a good example of patient skill resolutely applied to the needs of his team.

India were right on top, but ultimately failed to quench the querulous Randall, who found a reliable partner in Phil Edmonds.

There was a wonderful element of defence and offence in Randall's knock. He saddled Dilip Doshi in the initial stage and then clouted him straight in the pavilion. The little jester from Nottingham was back, and welcomed by all.

The Randall-Edmonds partnership took complete command and soundly suffocated the Indian bowling while putting on 99 runs. The second day was even more humiliating for the Indians. Though Edmonds left early, the last three

wickets put on 142 runs. England, at one stage in the doldrums, at six for 166, raced to 433 thanks mainly to Randall (126), Edmonds (64), Taylor (31), Allott (not out 41) and R.G.D Willis (28).

Weary from long hours in the field, India lost their first five wickets for only 45 runs. Parker was lbw to Botham while Dilip Vengsarkar and Yashpal Sharma paid the penalty for playing back. Poor Ashok Malhotra followed the course desperately. As usual it was left to Sunil Gavaskar, in the company of Kapil Dev, to restore India's hopeless position.

Tom Graveny has recorded, "Sunil Gavaskar, the Indian captain, batted extremely well and yet again proved himself to be one of the finest players in the world. I have been fascinated watching his wonderful technique against Willis. He gives the impression of having twice as much time as anyone else.

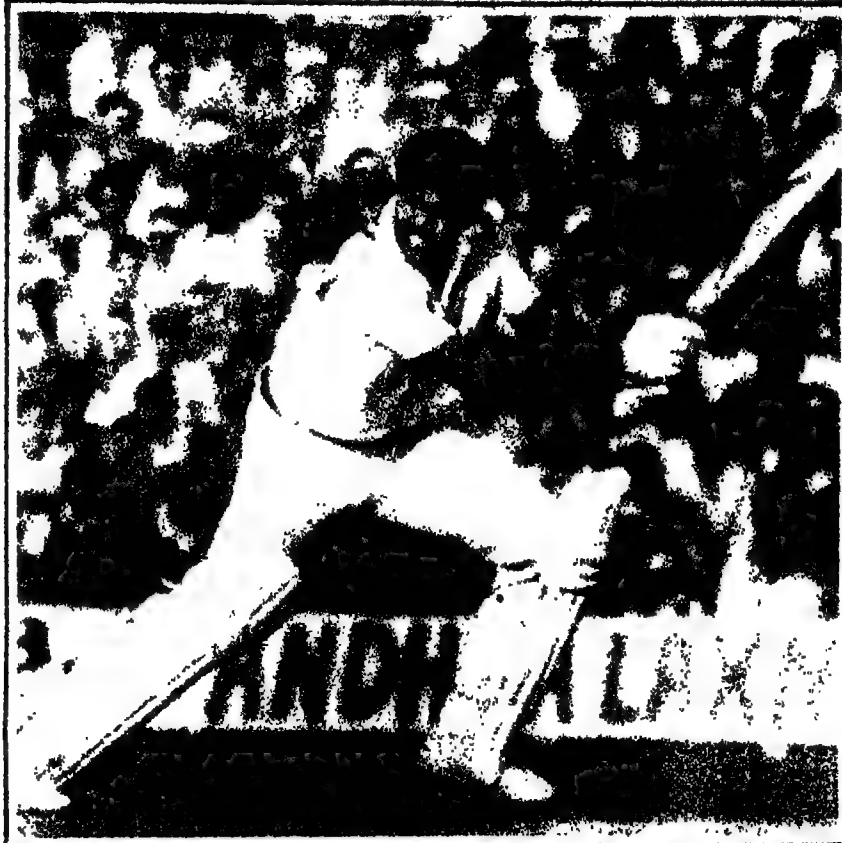
"Whilst all the coaching books tell us to keep things simple and make only one movement, either forward or back, Gavaskar has worked out a system all of his own. The thing that has impressed me is how early he makes his moves of getting back it is almost before the fast bowler has got into his delivery stride.

"The end product of this is that if the ball is shortish (and the majority of the deliveries are) he is already in the right position but if the ball is pitched up he has given himself time to get on to the front foot and drive."

A high praise indeed! Gavaskar and Kapil Dev put on 67 runs. Gavaskar (48) and Kapil (41) played extremely well and helped India to jump to 112 from five for 45, but follow on was inevitable.

Eschewing anything rash, Vengsarkar scored at a healthy rate against an attacking field





Kapil Dev played a hurricane innings of 89

India followed on, 305 runs behind on the third morning and when Gavaskar finally failed in the second innings to control a lifter from his opposite number, India's chances of saving the game were ruined. The play was frequently interrupted by showers and India were two for 61. Vengsarkar was batting on 30 and Ravi Shastri six not out.

Sunil Gavaskar, encouraging his boys, said optimistically, "This Test can be saved."

CHALLENGE

The challenge was accepted by Vengsarkar, the tall and attacking batsman from Bombay. In 1979 he had scored a glorious century at the same venue in order to save the day and Test for India, and win the 'Man of the Match' award as well.

"Vengsarkar's second Test 100 at Lords, was a good example of patient skill resolutely applied to the needs of his team. He eschewed anything rash but still scored at a healthy rate against a attacking field, hooking and forcing off the back foot with special relish.

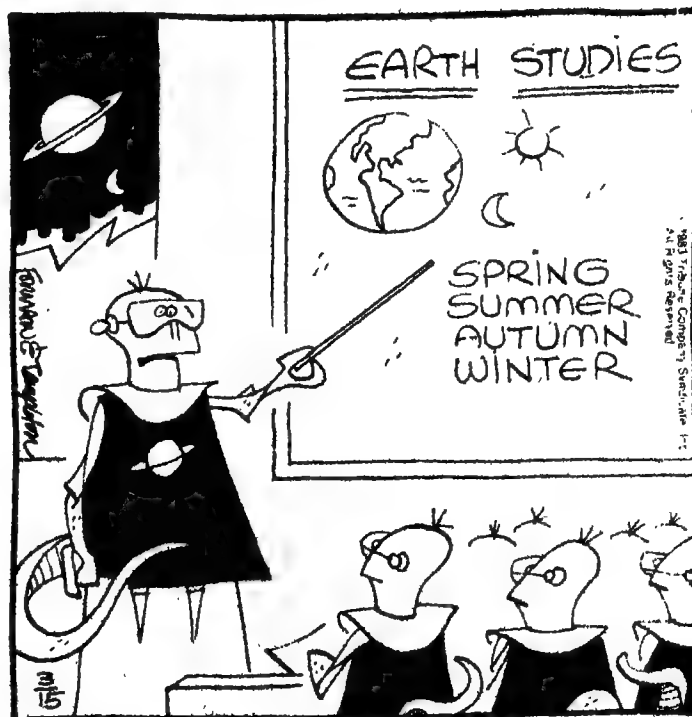
His attitude was absolutely first

did he look as though he were just trying to save a follow-on. Kapil Dev played the hurricane innings of 89. Vengsarkar was always looking for runs. His was one of the best innings played at Lord's. The wicket was just lively enough to give England the edge, but Vengsarkar proved in the second innings that Gavaskar, though he is the best, is not the only top class cricketer in his side."

Vengsarkar's 157 glorious runs will be remembered for a long long time. When he was out to Willis, the standing ovation was enthusiastic. England won the Test by seven wickets but not before getting cornered by an inspired spell from Kapil Dev.

After the formal ceremonies and valedictory functions, Tom Graveney, par excellence of romantic traditions English batting, came down to the Indian dressing with a broad grin on his face and tremendous admiration in his heart for Vengsarkar's super display of batsmanship. Approaching Dilip and putting his big palm on his head, Tom Graveney declared happily, "Lad, I'm your fan."

THE SPORTING LIFE



"BUT BY FAR THE LONGEST SEASON ON THE PLANET EARTH IS SOMETHING CALLED PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL ..."

Spot-The-Ball Contest...4 Results

Bengal reader wins first prize

The response to the SPORTSWEEK-Rupa Spot-The-Ball Contest...4 was overwhelming. Over 7,100 entries were received but NO reader marked a cross (x) accurately on the exact spot!

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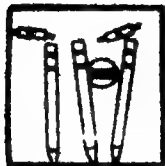
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Three hundred in a day

By Vasant Raiji



THREE hundred runs in a day's play. A good rate of scoring for any side. But when an individual batsman

does it, it is phenomenal. By scoring 322 for Somerset against Warwickshire on June 1, 1985 Viv Richards became the sixteenth batsman to perform the feat in first-class cricket.

The first English batsman to notch over 300 runs in a day was F.R. Foster of Warwickshire. His unbeaten 305 against Worcestershire at Dudley in 1914 took him 260 minutes on the second day of the match and included 1 five and 44 fours.

Five years later, in the first season after the World War I, Andrew Ducat emulated the feat by scoring 306* for Surrey against Oxford University at the Oval. The runs were made on the first day of the match and during the innings. Ducat's successive scoring strokes were: 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4 - 41 runs off 10 hits.

To C.G. Macartney goes the honour of scoring the highest number of runs in a day - 345 for W.M. Armstrong's Australian team of 1921 against the Notts at Nottingham. Macartney's innings is also the fastest treble century in a day, he reached 300 in only 205 minutes and his innings lasted 235 minutes.

Neville Cardus watched this innings and later wrote about it as follows: "I tried to make a diagram of his hits in an incredible innings played at Trent Bridge against Nottinghamshire; I broke the pencil endeavouring to express on paper the forked explosive energy of his cricket that day. Heavens did it really happen, or did we dream it?"

K.S. Duleepsinhji is the only Indian to figure in the honours list. Though Indians may take pride in his achievement, it was as an English cricketer that he earned this distinction. Playing for Sussex against Notts at Hove on May 7, 1930 Duleep made 333 runs in 330 minutes, hitting one six and 34 fours and in the process breaking his uncle, Rajji's record of highest score by a Sussex player - 285* v. Somerset at Taunton in 1901. To this day the record stands



Viv Richards...322 for Somerset

The same season (1930) Don Bradman scored 309 (final score 334) in the third Test match against England at Leeds. He is the only batsman to score 300 runs in a day in Test cricket. Bradman's first hundred came before lunch; he thus joined Victor Trumper (1902) and C. Macartney (1926) in reaching a three figure score before lunch on the first day of a Test match. The break-up of Bradman's score on that historic day makes interesting reading:

105 at lunch (100 in 99 minutes)
220 at tea (200 in 214 minutes)
309 at close (300 in 336 minutes)
334 following morning (334 in 375 minutes)

Coincidentally, E. Paynter (322 for Lancashire v. Sussex at Hove) and R.H. Moore (316 for Hampshire v. Warwickshire at Bournemouth) scored their triple centuries on the same day - July 28, 1937. Moore's first hundred was scored before lunch.

Barry Richards of South Africa, scored 325* in one day at Perth in 1970-71 for S. Australia against W. Australia.

On his performance in India, one scribe described Glen Turner of New Zealand as a strokeless wonder. The Indian readers would be surprised to know that playing for Worcestershire against Warwickshire at Worcester in 1982, Turner scored 311* runs in one day.

R. C. Blunt is another New Zealander to accomplish the feat but unlike Turner he made the runs at home - 315 (final score 338*) Otago v. Canterbury 1931-32.

The only batsman to score 300 runs in a day in the Indian sub-continent is J.M. Brearly - 312* M.C.C. under 25 v North Zone at Peshawar in 1966-67.

J.D. Robertson of Middlesex was a prolific scorer in County Cricket. But it was unfortunate that he had to compete with Len Hutton and Cyril Washbrook for a place in the Test side. His Test appearances were therefore limited. Against Worcestershire at Worcester in 1969, Robertson scored 331* in one day hitting three sixes and 39 fours.

Playing for Victoria against New South Wales at Melbourne in 1926-27, W.H. Ponsford, the only batsman in the world to score over 400 runs in an innings twice, scored 334 out of 573 for the loss of one wicket in 322 minutes on the second day of the match. Ponsford's final score was 352 in his team's world record breaking score of 1107.

Then there are two cricketers who have rattled up 300 runs in a day but who never got selected to play for their respective countries in Test cricket. They are C.W. Gregory of New South Wales who scored 318 (final score 383) against Queensland at Brisbane in 1906-07 and W.H. Ashdown of Kent whose score of 332 against Essex at Brentwood in 1934 included 307 runs on the first day of the match.

Like Macartney and Bradman will Viv Richards some day score a century before lunch on the first day of a Test match? No one will be surprised if he does it. One wishes he does it soon for it will give a boost to Test cricket which at the present moment is being written off by doubting Thomases as approaching its doomsday.



What constitutes a cricket season?

IN a video-tape of "The Benny Hill Show" which I have with me, the graffiti on a brick-wall proclaims: "I used to be indecisive." then the camera slowly pans down the wall for the punch-line: "Now I'm not so sure."

This is the state of mind many cricket enthusiasts seem to display when trying to assess or even interpret what constitutes a cricket season. At least that's the impression I get from the flood of confused and bewildered letters I get

enquiring when a cricket season begins and when it ends.

I don't really blame them. For two reasons. First, the fine dividing-lines separating cricket seasons have become blurred due to a proliferation of matches all the year round. Even during the monsoon, especially in India, there's maiden cricket going on all the time - club tournaments, inter-office leagues. These are, of course, inconsequential from the "Records" point of view and don't really count.

Secondly, cricket-fans have been fed (and in the process virtually brain-washed) for many years on a steady diet of the misleading statistics in the "Indian Cricket Annual" published by "The Hindu", Madras, which show the records in India as having taken place in such-and-such a year, on the false premise that they will be taken for granted by the unthinking as the cricket "season".

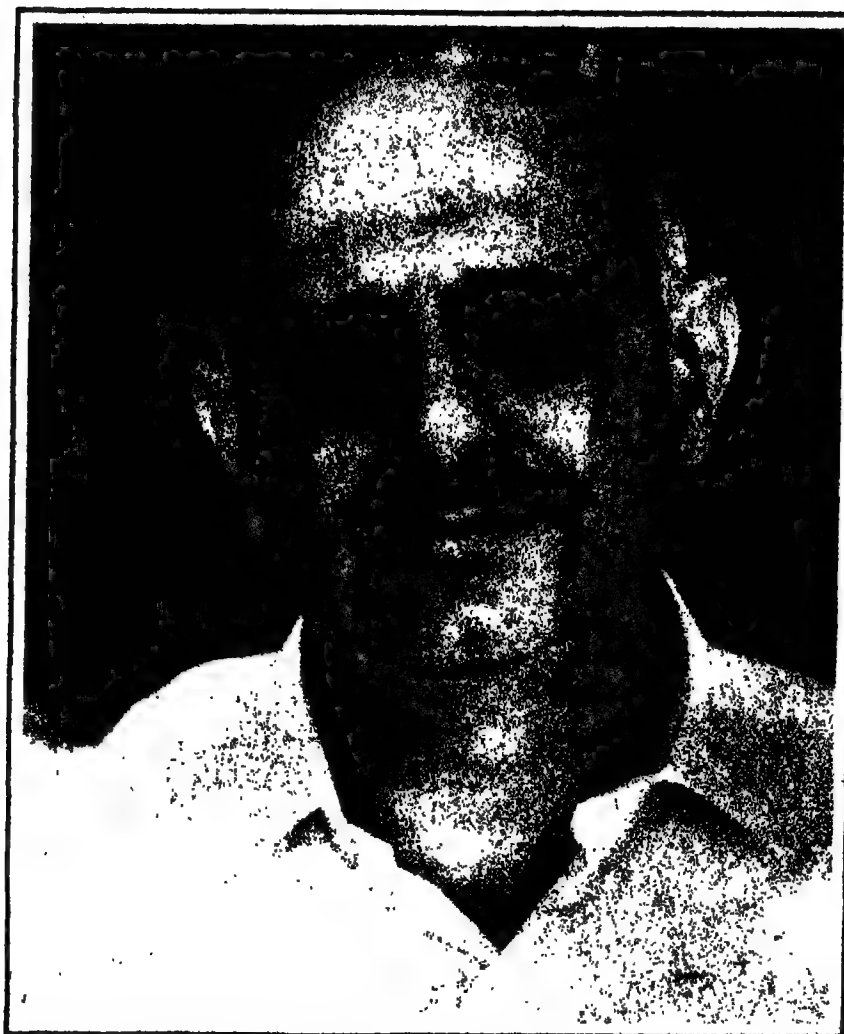
For instance, the Test series played in January-February 1964 when Mike Smith's England team visited India and another series in October 1964 when Bob Simpson's Australians toured India are both erroneously shown in the Annual as having taken place in the "1964 season" which is blatantly wrong. The series against England actually fall within the sphere of the 1963-64 season and the series against Australia in the next 1964-65 season.

After numerous agitated protests I made in the seventies to the publishers of the Annual, a few of the record-sections now carry the correct nomenclature of the proper cricket season, but the confusing practice of using a single year to denote a season in India still persists in the "Records" section, it must be rectified.

Just remember one simple rule to resolve this unnecessary confusion. Only England is entitled to use a single year to denote their domestic cricket season. No other country has that right.

In India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, South Africa (Currie Cup matches are still included quite rightly in first-class records), New Zealand and West Indies, a cricket season commences when the season in England ends in September, and goes on until the next English season begins in April.

There may be a little bit of overlapping with the season in England at the start and the end of the overseas cricket season. For instance, the fourth Test at Kingston in the 1984-85 series between West In-



Rusi Modi... his name should come first for his record 1,008 runs in a season

dies and New Zealand took place on May 4 - 8, 1985, by which time the 1985 season in England had already got under way on April 20, 1985, and Indians may possibly be playing in Sri Lanka at the start of the 1985-86 season before the current 1985 English season ends on September 17, 1985

So, the cricket season in England from April to September is basically the demarcating line to

denote the start and finish of a first-class season in at the other countries. It's as simple as that.

The format of certain sections of Ranji Trophy records in the Indian Cricket Annual must also be changed. For instance, it is ridiculous to show 'Aggregates of 500 runs or more in a Season' in descending order of the highest averages. It should be as per the most runs scored in a season. Thus, Ravi Modi's name should come first

for his record 1,008 runs in a season, followed by Chetan Chauhan's 873 runs, and so on

Why the misplaced emphasis on averages when we need to know who has scored the most runs or taken the most wickets. In the present stupidly compiled format, we have to search for such information instead of getting it at a quick glance at a reconstructed Table in descending order of most runs or most wickets

Due to the printers' devil, a part of the column 'Figures are Fun' by B.B. Mama (SW. July 3-9) was erroneously mixed up. We publish under the remaining part of that article.

In fact, the Aussie Tom Matthews hold an absolutely unique record. He is the only bowler to achieve the hat-trick in each innings of the same Test — the venue (Old Trafford, 1912) leading one to assume that the opponents were England, but it was actually against South Africa in the Triangular Tournament. The wonderful part of it is that he performed both hat-tricks on the same day! Another marvellous sidelight is that he accomplished both hat-tricks without any fielders' assistance — bowling two batsmen, having two more lbw and catching two off his own bowling!

England's Maurice Allom too has a special place in the book of records. He is the only (apart from the New Zealander Pethe- rick) to achieve the hat-trick on his debut in January 1930, and he went on to take four wickets in five balls — a feat only one other bowler has equalled. England's Chris Old vs Pakistan at Edgbaston in 1978. He was robbed of a hat-trick by a no-ball, the sequence of his 19th over reading W, W, Nb, W, W.

England's Ken Cranston (vs South Africa in 1947) and Fred Titmus (vs New Zealand in 1965) are two other bowlers who took four wickets in one over (as Chris Old did) without achieving a hat-trick, and both did it, on the same ground (Headingley, Leeds) on which Ian Botham had his name inscribed in this particular section of the record-book a couple of weeks ago.

Apart from Allom, Spofforth, Cranston, Titmus, Old, Shastri and Botham, others to take three wickets in four balls are

For England: Briggs at Cape-Town 1889-89, Voce at Sydney 1936-37, Appleby at Auckland 1954-55, Shackleton at Lord's

1963, Lever at Headingley 1971

For Australia: Howell at Cape-town 1902-03, O'Reilly at Old Trafford 1934, Lindwall at Adelaide 1946-47, Benaud at George-town 1954-55, Martin at Melbourne 1960-61, Mackay at Edgbaston 1961, McKenzie at Port-of-Spain 1964-65, Lillee at Old Trafford and The Oval both in 1972 series

For South Africa: Nupen at

Johannseburg 1930-31

For West Indies: Gibbs at Sydney 1960-61, Wes Hall vs India at Port-of-Spain 1961-62, Sobers at Headingley 1966

For Pakistan: Fazal Mahmood at Karachi 1956-57

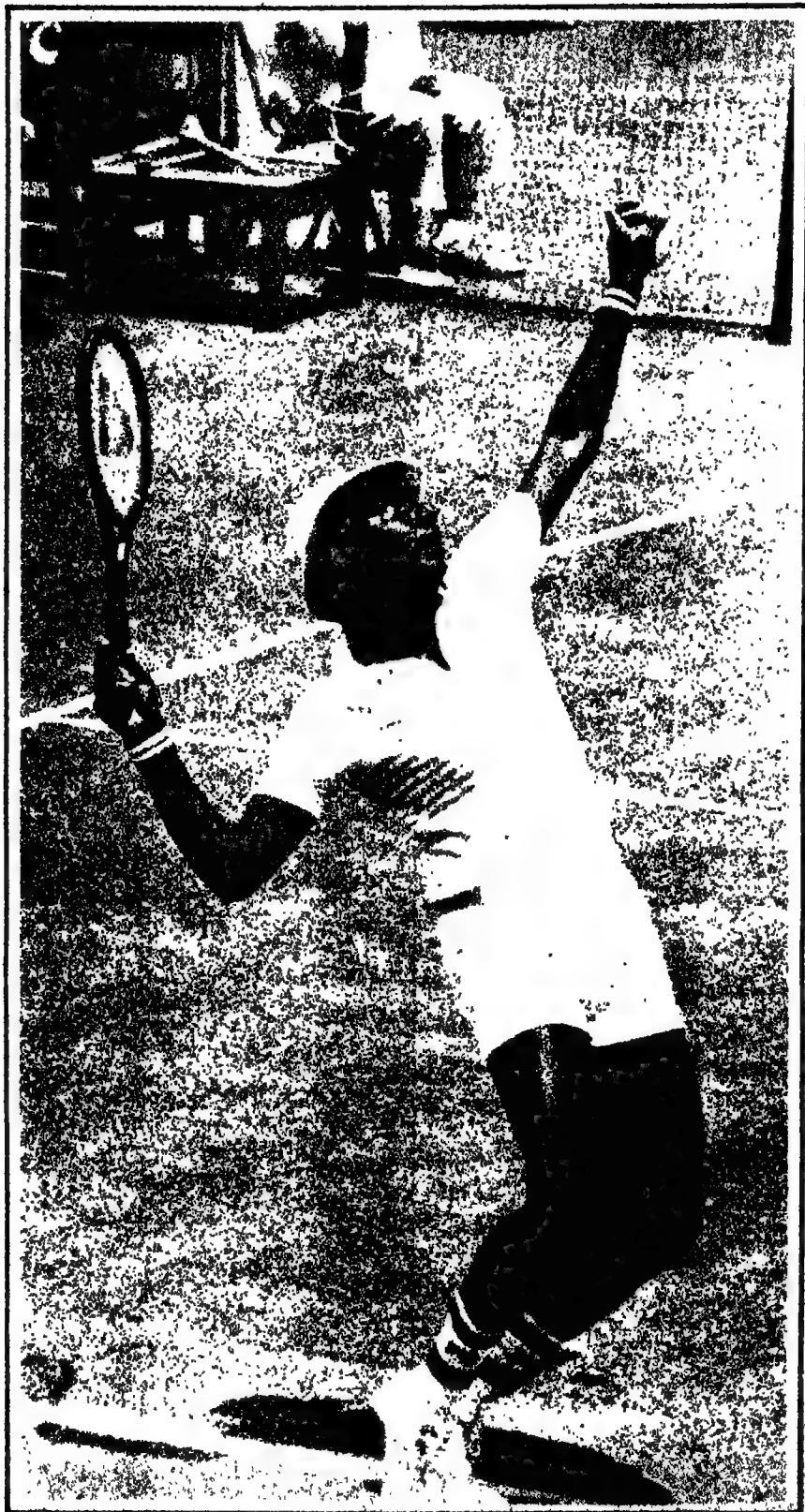
This list is not necessarily complete. Readers are invited to add to it if they know of other authentic instances.



Ian Botham... had his name inscribed in the 4 wkts-in-one-over section of the record book a month ago

YANNICK NOAH DELUGED

Centre Court 'Vijay' for Amritraj



VIJAY AMRITRAJ, film star and tennis ace, and 1973 and '81 quarter-finalist regards winning on the Centre Court at Wimbledon as better than starring in Bond movies.

After he sent No.11 seed Yannick Noah tumbling out of the tournament in the third round of the All England Championships last week.

Amritraj's love affair with Wimbledon is growing. The 31-Year-Old Indian said "Doing a Bond film is about as high as you can get in the film business.

"The feeling of doing a Bond film alongside Roger Moore is just unbelievable. In my opinion, it is better than playing tennis," said Amritraj, who appeared in the 1982 James Bond movie 'Octopussy'. But it is not better than winning tennis matches, especially on the Centre Court at Wimbledon."

"I don't think that the feeling of winning out there can equal anything. Unless, of course, it's food."

"I was brought up with Wimbledon in my mind. Just coming through the gates to play is a dream", he said.

Amritraj beat Noah 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 7-6 in two hours 42 minutes, after the 25-Year-Old Frenchman took the opening set and led throughout the second until the tie-break.

"I think Yannick was a bit disappointed not winning the second set tie-break."

"But the momentum swung my way and the tie-break decided that I was going to serve first in the third set," said Amritraj.

The Indian broke Noah's serve in the fourth game of the third set to knock a hole in the centre of the Frenchman's all-action game.

After the third set, Noah removed a leg bandage and towards the end of the match appeared to be limping.

But the Frenchman, winner of the Italian Open in his comeback year after a series of injury problems, said later the leg strain he suffered in the fourth set was not serious.

Noah, who usually plays in pain because of his old injuries, said the



Vijay Amritraj and Kabir Bedi on the sets of 'Octopussy,' a Bond film, at Jaipur



Boris Becker...The German onslaught

HANA MANDLIKOVA and three other seeds were eliminated as the upsets continued into the third round of Wimbledon.

Mandlikova, the mercurial third-seeded Czechoslovak, gave a lacklustre performance and was beaten 6-1, 7-6 by Elizabeth Smylie of Australia.

She was joined on the sidelines by Number 14 seed Wendy Turnbull of Australia, who lost 2-6, 7-5, 6-1 to exciting French teenager Pascale Paradis.

Seventh-seeded Joakim Nyström of Sweden also crashed, West German teenager Boris Becker outlasted Nyström 3-6, 7-6, 6-1, 4-6, 9-7.

Mandlikova looked as though she could have used a free day to work on her game. She was as inconsistent as she was.

"I need to be eager and I was not hungry and eager," Mandlikova said. "I know I can play better and I'm very disappointed."

"I was eager for this tournament and felt I had good chance against Hana," Smylie said.

Seeds wither on barren soil

Nyström and Becker resumed on Monday at 1-1 in sets after darkness delayed their progress on Saturday. The Swede fought back to two sets all but through the fifth, it was the German who became stronger.

"I think it was decided at 5-4, 30-All in the fifth set when I missed a

reason he removed the bandage was so that it would stop reminding him of them.

"I thought I could play with the pain without having to think about it," he said.

"The bandage was to make sure the injury would not get worse, but it was making me think too much about my leg and knee."

Despite his defeat, Noah said he enjoyed his return to Wimbledon after missing the tournament since 1981.

"I think grass can suit my game, which is the reason I am here," he said.

"I have not played here for a long time and I will be back next year, hopefully in good health and shape.



Hana Mandlikova... "I'm very disappointed"

backhand volley to get to match point," Nyström said. "But I do not think Boris will win Wimbledon this year. He is very strong but his returns may be his weakness."

Becker said, "There are a lot of guys who could win this tournament. Maybe I am one of them. I don't know."

Connors tames Ramesh's guile

JIMMY CONNORS, at nearly 33, may not be as dynamic or ruthless as he was but he still wins matches, if not titles.

Battling Jimbo reached the last 16 with a laboured No. 1 Court win over India's Ramesh Krishnan, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2, the closest of their five meetings.

Early on Jimbo seemed reluctant to impose himself on the Indian - almost inviting his opponent to take the upper hand.

Krishnan, like his father, who twice reached the Wimbledon semi-final in the early 60's, is a delightful player to watch. Squatly built, he floats about the court,

stroking the ball often with delicacy and sometimes with the venom of a cobra.

Connors changed his racket - "the weather had made some of my rackets go dead" - and won nine games in a row - losing fewer than a dozen points in the process. That run took him 2-5 in the third set to 4-0 in the fourth.

That was the real Connors, hungry for victory, eager to complete the bill.

Afterwards Jimbo admitted: "I have played better. I was eager when the match began but struggled a bit and he played well. It was an uphill battle."

Game, set, match — to lightning!

By Norman Luck and Ian Barnes

WIMBLEDON started with A BANG last week as lightning sent chunks of masonry crashing to the ground.

The bolt from the leaden grey skies struck as thousands of tennis fans sheltered from the storm which threatened to wash out the first day of the championships.

No one was hurt in the incident, but the roof of the new £2 million international Press complex close to the Centre Court looked the worse for wear.

The bang sent hundreds of people running for cover and others scurrying to windows to see if a bomb had gone off.

Police rushed to the scene from all over the complex and cordoned off sections of the concourse.

But there was no let up in the downpour, and the fans had to wait for over four hours for the start of the greatest tennis show on earth.

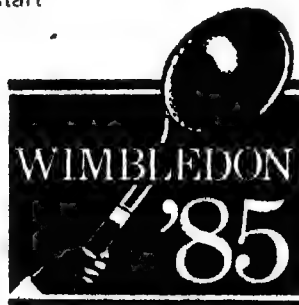
Champion John McEnroe was booed off the Centre Court for giving frustrated fans no more than 18 minutes tennis.

It was hardly justified—and certainly not McEnroe's fault.

Opponent Peter McNamara had already fallen three times on the

slippery grass and McEnroe slithered to the ground before referee Alan Mills called a halt with the score at three games all in their first round match.

Umpire David Johnson, of Kent, announced that play would be suspended because of the risk of injury, which upset some of the 15,000 £7-a-ticket fans who had waited patiently in the rain for play to start.



The crowd, who had cheered champion on to court, wanted to blame McEnroe. As he put on his tracksuit top and waited for Mills to arrive, a voice from the stands called: "Come on McEnroe. Play the game."

But the conditions were impossible even though second seed Ivan Lendl and Mel Purcell continued on No 1 Court.

But Mills was quite right. Aussie McNamara, a former doubles champion, is attempting a comeback to big-time tennis after a serious knee operation nearly two years ago and played with his right leg bandaged.

McEnroe has been suffering with a groin strain for which he has been wearing heavy precautionary strapping.

Referee Mills said, "The court was unsafe and we had no alternative but to suspend play. Both players had complained."

But furious Lendl claimed after winning his two hour 13 minutes battle in three sets that the court was dangerous "If they stopped the other match on Centre Court, they should have stopped ours," he claimed.

McEnroe trying for his third successive championship and fourth in all, had hardly made an auspicious start.

He lost the first six points of the match and won his second when McNamara was on his knees near the net.

McEnroe's first ace, to win the third game, settled him down, how-



C-R-A-S-H... Vitas — and Wimbledon — skid to a halt

THE GREAT FINALS

Ashe deals a handful of aces

Week Two of a special series by Christopher Hilton

ARTHUR ASHE was a night person. It was after midnight when he finished playing blackjack at the Playboy Club, in Park Lane, and went to bed.

He felt very relaxed. "I won big - well for me. It was about £200. It's always relaxing to win."

He slept well. He had a calmness, a peace of mind that eluded most other human beings.

His cousin maintained a family tree, spreading out to embrace 1,500 names. They had come originally from a ship, bringing West African slaves to America in 1735.

Arthur Ashe took strength from that. If you look back and see slavery, you also see a sharp perspective. You don't need telling about those twin imposters triumph and disaster, or how to deal with them.

He was 32, the son of a police-



UNDERDOG... 'old man' Ashe

man from Richmond, Virginia, and he had played tennis since he was six. No matter. He was a complete no-hoper.

On the evening in July, 1975, when he was setting off for the Playboy Club, you could have had at least 25-1 against him beating Jimmy Connors the next day.

In the final a year before, Connors had murdered Ken Rosewall 6-1, 6-1, 6-4. This time he had not lost a set.

He was like a whirlpool. Opponents were sucked in and came out in small, broken pieces.

Connors was exactly 10 years younger than Ashe, strong, sure, desperately eager. In the semi-final he had wrecked Roscoe Tanner and nobody could quite believe the sheer ferocity of it.

An experienced commentator had assessed what he had done as "magic" and added urgently: "it must rate as the most startling display of lawn tennis seen for many a year."

Twenty-five to one? Cheap at the price.

Ashe, with his quiet dignity, had taken precautions. He was necessarily curious. "Watching Connors beat Raul Ramirez in the quarter finals told me how to play him. His

WET START TO WIMBLEDON...

ever, and he pulled level by taking the fifth game to love and then breaking McNamara's service by whacking a backhand winner with his opponent again spreadeagled.

While a total number of 65 matched were lost on Wimbledon's worst opening day for weather since 1969, agony showed on the face of Vitas Gerulaitis as the rain-hit Wimbledon championships skidded to a halt again on the second day.

Gerulaitis slipped more than a dozen times on the wet grass in his first round match against Peter Fleming. Luckily, the Court 13 drama ended in nothing worse than a slightly injured left wrist.

As the great Wimbledon wash-out continued, VIP guests in the royal box were forced to sit and watch and puddles form. Protocol kept them in their seats for an hour and 20 minutes after the covers

were pulled on the centre court.

The culprit was the Duke of Kent, president of the All England Club. He was so engrossed in a conversation with club chairman Buzzer Hadingham that he forgot no one else could leave until he did.

A Wimbledon official explained: "Normally the Duke would have retired to the refreshment area and his guests would have been able to follow. They have to wait for his lead and obviously he forgot."

One big match, however, was decided despite the weather. John McEnroe announced in the unlikely pages of News Line, the Workers Revolutionary Party paper, that he is to marry actress girlfriend Tatum O'Neal as soon as Wimbledon is over.

But "Superbrat" McEnroe, who shuns the more conventional Press, refused to confirm the report or name the happy day.

THE GREAT FINALS...

match against Tanner told me what not to do."

It was an idea. You meet power with rubbish - junk, as the Americans have it. Against all that certainty and power, you feed him the junk. "It's much easier to be good when you're facing pace. You only have to meet the ball," Ashe concluded. And send it back as junk.

Ashe had heard fleeting rumours - no more - that Connors had a "crooked leg." It made no difference to the plan, but it was something to think about.

In fact Connors had a bad knee injury and had been going to Chelsea Football Club for physiotherapy. His manager, Bill Riordan, said, "Jimmy had two reasons for secrecy. He did not want to encourage his opponents and neither did he want the knockers to claim he was putting up an advance alibi in case of defeat."

It wasn't a peaceful final. Connors was suing Ashe for £1,300,000 for alleged libel. They would ignore each other on this most public of occasions.

Ashe wore his team jacket with initials USA on them. He was truly calm. "I knew whether I won or lost the sun would come up the next day."

Part of the calmness came from the plan. Years before, a coach had told him: "It doesn't matter about your normal game, always suit it to winning on the day - however you have to alter it."

The coach: Pancho Gonzales!

Ashe was 6ft 1in, he had beehive hair and he sensed that the Wimbledon crowd - more polite then, more "traditional" then - were with him. "The English tend to cheer the underdog."

Truth to tell, part of being the underdog was that he was black, had that family tree going back to the boat in 1735.

Three times in the first set he broke Connors' serve. The first time he did it - in the third game - there was uproar. Connors had volleyed at the net.

A line judge said: "In". It looked out, over the baseline. The crowd chanted in unison "out, out, out". Ashe stood motionless, protesting that they were right.

Three times the umpire called for silence. Then he said: "The linesman had deferred his call. The ball is out." More uproar. Ashe had won the break point.

He took the first set 6-1.

He meditated between games during the second set. Connors carried a lucky letter from his mother and grandparents in his sock. He took it out once, read it.

In the second game of that second set Ashe broke Connors again. As they came back on for the third game, somebody yelled: "Come on, Arthur." Another voice responded: "Come on Jimmy."

The umpire intervened immediately. The situation was electric enough already without this. "Ladies and gentlemen, will you please

refrain from such remarks. It is not fair to the players."

The second set went to three deuces before Ashe again won 6-1. And all he did - it was breathtakingly simple - was feed out swinging services, slow balls, silly balls, slices, top spins.

Ashe looked up at the clock in the north east corner and it said: 2.41.

"I thought 'goodness gracious, I'm not supposed to be winning so quickly'."

Connors swore audibly.

But Connors wasn't finished. He survived three game points at the beginning of the third set. Won the game with a forehand passing shot. It went 4-3 to Connors, who suddenly waved a finger at Ashe.

Admonition, perhaps. A rare moment of humour born of frustration, perhaps. Connors won the set 7-5.

Ashe took a series of deep breaths as he sat. "I thought long and hard about abandoning the plan, going back to my normal game. I decided to stay with the plan."

There were further, more pressing moments of doubt as Ashe went 3-0 down. Connors even got to within a point of 4-1 but, under pressure, Ashe hit a ferocious forehand volley. 3-2.

Ashe held his service. 3-3. Still he tormented Connors. The swinging serve, then the slow balls, the silly balls, the slices, the top spins. "I sensed he was ruffled."

At 4-4 Ashe played two top-spin backhands to break Connors' service. He served for the match. He went to 40-15. It left him with two match points.

The big decision at moments like this - to spin one in at three-quarter pace, and get in fast to volley OR go for a big one.

Ashe went for the big one. It was vicious in its pace. The ball thundered into Connors' racket and came back. Ashe smashed. Connors could do nothing.

Ashe clenched his fist. The traditionalists around him on the Centre Court went hysterical.

Ten years later, Jimmy Connors would say crisply and cryptically: "You don't know all the things about that final and nobody else will ever know."

What other things? Ashe believes it must be Connors' knee injury. Connors will say no more.

We know enough. Ashe 6-1, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 in two hours and five minutes.



YOUNG PUP... Pacemaker Connors

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JUST 22 and already squash champion of India for the past two years. Tall, fit and strong and blessed with tremendous stamina. A keen understanding of the intricacies of squash. Confidence tinged with elements of humility and a youthful awkwardness, determination coupled with an honest streak of self-criticism. A young man who has accomplished so much but who is eager to accomplish so much more. A champion of his own country who realises that the real struggle for excellence lies beyond the borders of India. Meherwan Daruvala. One of the new breed of champion.

Squash is uniquely exciting because of the tremendous range of options inherent in the game. Unlike other racket sports, squash is played on a court bounded by four walls, all of which are brought into play. The court is small, the ball is slightly soft but very fast and comes at a player from a bewildering variety of angles. Hence a squash champion must have the mental keenness and match experience to anticipate every shot before it is played and the physical stamina and quickness to reach the ball and keep reaching it time and time again.

That a young player like Meherwan should have speed and stamina is to be expected, but that he should have so quickly picked up the all-important courtcraft of squash is amazing. As he says, "Getting to the ball is a combination of anticipation and quickness. Quickness I have always had, and I work hard to maintain it. Anticipation I have picked up through constant practice, observation, and match play. It is such a fast and complex game, that with-



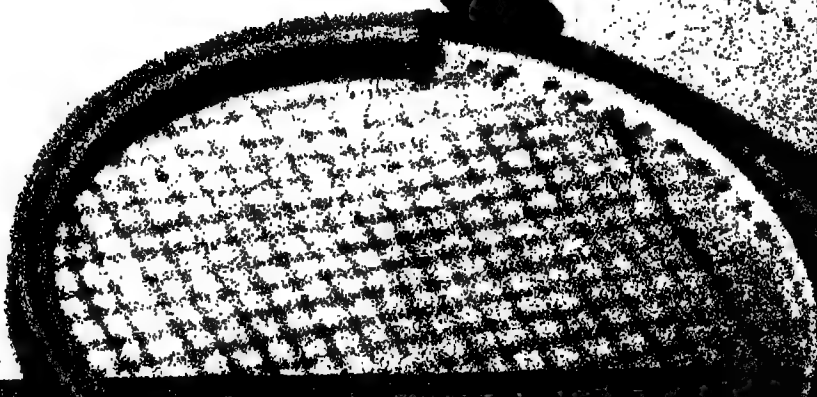


The Pakistani players practice hard all year long, of May, when the weather is hottest. They kill themselves in the heat, but are then fit enough to face up to any conditions. And, of course, they compete all over the world, from England to Australia to Asia. And they make money lots of it. A player like Jehangir can demand as much as he likes. But, as Meherwan says, he deserves it. He is the best.

'83 was Meherwan's first year as a senior player, and on the last day of the year he was crowned the new national champion. Just 20 years old, he defeated Ananth Nayak in a four-game final at the CCI courts in Bombay. But Meherwan's real victory came in the semi-finals, on December 30th, when he defeated Major Raj Manchanda, the defending champion, and winner for the previous six years.

The facts are that Daruvala defeated manchanda, 9-2, 9-2, 2-9, 9-5. But the facts do not tell the true story. Major Manchanda was, and still is, a legend in Indian squash. Six times National champion in a row, and absolutely fit inspite of being in his late 30's, Manchanda, with his relentless and almost flawless game, had a psychological edge over all the top Indian players. Just to face him on the court was enough to make any player nervous.

As Meherwan says, "The Major was considered unbeatable. His game was almost irritating in its perfection. He just wouldn't make any mistakes. When I finally beat him, I myself couldn't believe it. It was a dream come true. My tactics were to move him around the court. I had to keep him out of position, and tire him out. I managed to do this, and I won. But it was really unbelievable." For Meherwan, to defeat Manchanda was to come of age in squash, to become a man. It was a victory that heralded the end of an era in Indian squash and ushered in a new champion. Manchanda himself sportingly acknowledged Meherwan's superiority, but he has still not given up. Meherwan is the first to admit that he still has the toughest match in India against Manchanda.



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The Madras tournament was a very successful one for Otters Club. Not only did Meherwan win, but C.S. Pawar, the pro at Otters, won the title for professionals. And with Ashish Kamat, again of Otters, having won the Junior title, it was a clean sweep for the club, barring only the women's title, which was won, for the ninth time in succession, by the remarkable Bhuvaneshwari Kumari of Alwar. Meherwan is very grateful to Otters Club for all the help and encouragement he has received down through the years. Apart from providing playing facilities and an atmosphere to grow in, the club also has provided Meherwan with air-fare to tournaments within India. This means a great deal to a young squash player, for there is little money in the sport in India. Prize money is a recent thing, and hardly can cover the cost of equipment, club fees, and transportation. Meherwan has been sponsored by Air-India since '82, which means that his air-fare to international tournaments is covered. Previous to '82, it was Meherwan's father who bore this expense.

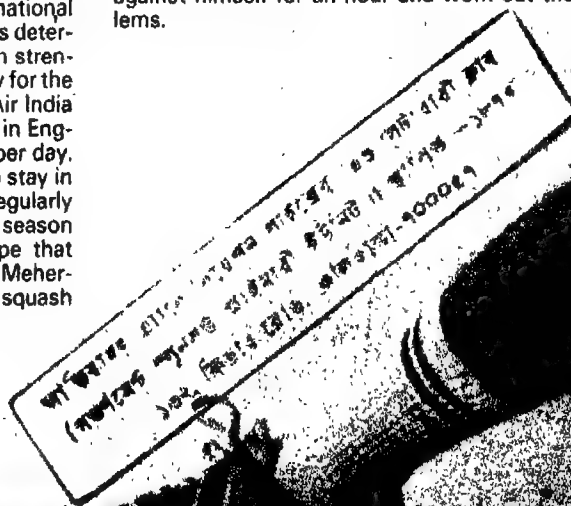
But it is today, as Meherwan looks to the future, that sponsorship is so important. For Meherwan is very eager to go to England this summer and play on the English and European circuits. This is vital for Meherwan at this stage of his game, for in Europe is the best squash played. To quote Qamar Zaman, world No. 2 and a regular on both the European and Asian circuits: "Young players should spend at least two years on the European circuit. When I first started out, I had to suffer the strange and lonely life of a professional, but slowly things came my way after playing many matches. The squash there (Europe) is 100 per cent harder. But there's no better way to improve. What helped me through was the support from Pakistan Airlines, my sponsor, who paid everything for me and made things work. Sponsorship should come forward to help young players achieve their aim." And Greg Pollard of Australia, only 23 and Malaysian Open Champion, has the same opinion: "There (Europe) it is a different game altogether. Unlike squash here (Asia), the game there is a lot harder, with more speed on the ball, and more power. You have to be very accurate with your shots and you soon develop that."

Meherwan is very aware that the next few years will either make or break him as an international squash player. He must get to Europe and he is determined to do so. He is putting himself through strenuous practice at the Otters Club and waits only for the proper sponsorship to take him to England. Air India is meeting his air-fare, but his daily expenses in England or Europe would be at least 45 pounds per day. This is a lot of money, as Meherwan wants to stay in England for at least two months, playing regularly and returning to India in time for the local season which starts in October. One can only hope that sponsorship is forthcoming, for it is vital for Meherwan to face the highest level of international squash competition at this stage of his career.

India has produced outstanding squash players in the recent past, with Anil Nayyar and Raj Manchanda being the best. Anil Nayyar, whose strokes Meherwan has always admired, played a great deal in the USA while he was in college, and this enabled him to improve his game immensely, and he dominated Indian squash from '65 upto '77, winning the National title whenever he was in India to play.

Manchanda, on the other hand, took squash very late, and won his first title in the '77-'78 season, when he was already in his early 30's. His international experience has been limited to Asia. Meherwan, on the other hand, was the youngest National champion ever at only 20, and has already reached the top of Indian squash, and played a good deal on the Asian circuit. If ever an Indian squash player had a chance to make a name for himself on the international squash scene, it is Meherwan.

Training for Meherwan is a lonely business. He now knows exactly where his weaknesses lie and for him, the best method of training is to practice alone on the court. He can thus concentrate fully on a particular shot or a particular angle. For instance, his overheads and nicks are weak, so he will play these shots against himself for an hour and work out the problems.





...to keep hitting one and over and over again. That is why I prefer to practice alone." This solo practice may go on for two hours at a time and sprint work on the court to build up speed and reflexes is also done. Because of a torn ligament suffered when he was still a junior, Meherwan's knees are weak, so he also swims to strengthen and loosen his body. The relaxation in the water provides a good contrast to the pounding on the court.

Fortunately, Meherwan's stamina is excellent, and 50 per cent of his game. This is very important in modern squash, where a player like Jehangir Khan just wears down his opponents by making no mistakes and never tiring. "International players realise that to try and outlast Jehangir is impossible, so they go all out for kills in the very first game. Of course, this only wears out the player all the more, and Jehangir romps home in the second and third games." It is this type of game that Meherwan is working for. Of course, strokes to finish rallies are also very important, and Meherwan quite candidly admits that his strokes are not that good, and need working on. "On the international circuit today, a player like Dean Williams will just slash me. I know that. But the only way I can improve is to play against better players."

Meherwan, like so many other top Indian sportsmen and sportswomen, has had no formal coaching in India, and is indebted to his father for early tips and continued inspiration and guidance. Otherwise, except for training in Karachi with the Pakistanis, Meherwan has learnt from observation and experience. At a young age, he admired Anil Nayyar's game. And in Madras at the recent Nationals, Ahmed Ali Isfahani, champion in '68-'69 and now a businessman in Madras, was a great help to Meherwan. And Audrey Pereira, secretary of the Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra, is another person to whom Meherwan is grateful. And, of course, the Otters Club. With squash courts in India being at a premium, only a young player who has access to a club can come up. And for Meherwan, that club was the Otters Club.

Meherwan makes one thing very clear: he is prepared to avoid all prizes and honours in order to squash. That's the way it has been for him, trying to put up with the boredom of practicing by himself, and going to bed early. In fact, he has never used to it. (practice, spend time at the club, go to bed, and watch a movie, and then off to sleep. It would be like a dull life, but I don't mind."

Life for top stars on the international circuit is obviously not quite so dull. And if they are surrounded with money and fame, the temptations are always there. But Meherwan also knows that the top players had to make it first. And for Meherwan to make it means that the next two or three years must be sacrificed to hard work and tough matches.

It is a constant complaint in Indian sports that Indian sportsmen never win at the international level. But if one is to look at the performances of Indian sportsmen who have excelled at the world level - Pakistan Padukone, Vijay Amritraj, Sunil Gavaskar - one will find that they all have one thing in common: playing against the very best in the world at a young age. Prakash was the Indian champion at 17, and was playing and winning regularly abroad by the time he was 21. Vijay was winning major tournaments in the USA by the time he was 21.

Gavaskar was scoring centuries in the West Indies when he was 21. And the same is true of hockey stars like Shahid and Naeem. All these sportsmen did not just play against the best in India or Asia. They played against the best in the world. And that is what Meherwan now wants to do, and what he must do. He has talent, youth, and determination. He is hungry for success. He is poised, slightly apprehensive, but ready to take on the world.

He is a breed of Indian champion, and he must make his own future his own.

Meherwan Daruvala, a present and future champion.



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Muscleman slays Mats

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Masterblaster... Centre court ace Bo-Bo Zivojinovic

MATS WILANDER'S Grand Slam dream was shattered at Wimbledon by the explosive tennis of a Yugoslav playboy with a tongue-twister name

Slobodan Zivojinovic - known as Bo-Bo to his friends - thumped Australian and French champion Wilander 6-2, 5-7, 7-5, 6-0 in just over two hours of muscular mayhem

It left the Centre Court crowd breathless and left Sweden's Wilander, the No. 4 seed, looking shell-shocked

"I expected a tough match, but the way he played just wore me down," said Wilander.

"It wasn't like playing somebody with a normal game."

Zivojinovic, 21 years old and 6ft 8in, used all his 15 stones weight to blast the ball with such power that at several times he nearly knocked the racket out of Wilander's hand.

Altogether he hammered in 15 aces, but also had 13 double faults - the last of them on his first match point.

At the end, after raising a fist in salute to his brother and his preg-

nant bride-to-be Zorica, a 23-year-old Belgrade law student he bowed delightedly to all corners of the court.

He was still grinning broadly and he and Wilander walked off and he waved cheekily to the Duke and Duchess of Kent in the royal box.

Zivojinovic, ranked only 77th in the world, said: "Just to play on the Centre Court was like a dream, now it is a reality. I had not even tried to

qualify for Wimbledon before but this is the biggest win of my career because Wilander is a really big player.

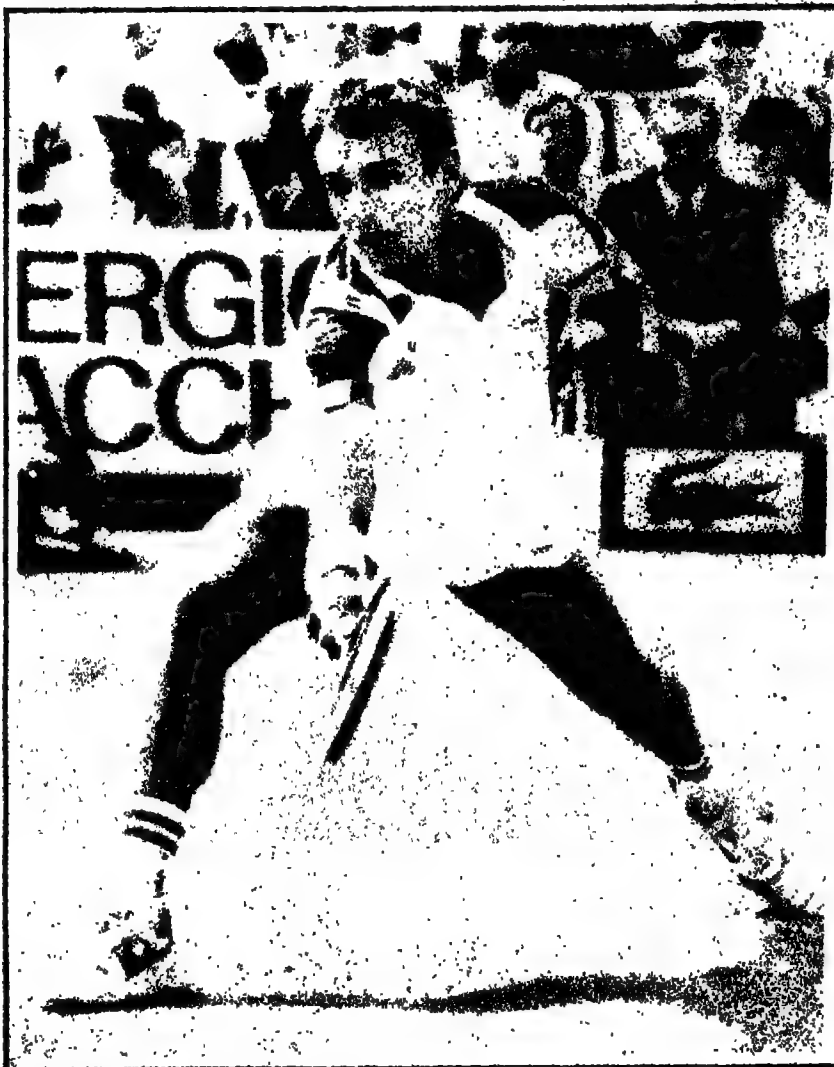
"I won't be going out to celebrate yet - but I might if I win the tournament."

Australian Paul McNamee, after losing to Zivojinovic in the pre-Wimbledon tournament at Queen's Club, claimed his opponent hit the ball harder than Roscoe Tanner, who has a 140 mph service.

And after this performance, nobody will relish a meeting with carefree Bo-Bo who claims to have put his high-life days behind him.

Fiancee Zorica says: "He used to be a bit of a wild man, but I have quietened him down."

Wilander had taken two weeks off after winning the French championship, while Zivojinovic was competing at Queen's and at Bristol last week. The difference was there for all to see.



Mats Wilander... shell-shocked

Wimbledon's biggest fashion shock since
gorgeous Gussie's frillies

Whitewash!



By Norman Luck

BODY LINE Anne White the American tennis player who brought back sensation to the Wimbledon fashion scene was a chastened girl when play resumed on Friday last week

Gone was the sexy figure clinging one piece bodysuit that galvanised photographers the previous evening and had oldtimers dreamily recalling the great days of Gorgeous Gussie Moran

She was the tennis ace who caused a sensation at prim and proper Wimbledon in 1948 by wearing frilly knickers

But bowing to the orders of referee Alan Mills 23 year old Anne left her white bodysuit in the changing

room and turned up in nice but normal gear And soon she was departing the 1985 Wimbledon tennis scene losing 6-3 6-7 6-3 to fellow American Pam Shriver

The one piece outfit - which some other girl players thought looked more like her granddad's long johns - may never be seen again But it has taken its place for ever in Wimbledon lore

Certainly Pam Shriver never wants to be confronted with it again

Commenting on the previous evening sensation, she said That was the most bizarre stupid-

looking thing I have ever seen on tennis court

She went on "You can imagine how I felt I'd waited four days to play a match with the rain coming down in sheets

Eventually I got on court at 7.2 in the evening, very nervous, and everyone started hooting and hollering

I turned round to serve and the I saw it - this vision

I didn't know what to do I thought she could have mentioned to me it was going to happen

Asked if she thought Ann should have been told to change Pam replied Yes - right on court



Banned...Anne's eye-catcher



That's better! Or is it? Anne after bowing to the orders of referee Alan Mills



EVERY year when the Wimbledon fortnight is upon us, the grass is mown, the marquees are

up and the strawberries and cream keep arriving by the lorry load.

Everyone talks about those famous tennis stars, but down at the All England Tennis Club this year, I met the women who can make Lendl take a back seat, take Connors for a ride and drive even McEnroe round the bend.

They are the Wimbledon Chauffeuses, who get around £200 a week for driving the players to and from their West End hotels throughout the tournament.

For most of us it would be marginally easier to get tickets for the Centre Court than it would to join this exclusive band. And

Girls who make McEnroe take a back seat

A special report by Hilary Doling

competition for the 100 places is as fierce as any on-court battle.

Mostly our girls come to us through word of mouth," says Patricia Banks, the elegant, attractive blonde who has masterminded the whole operation for the last 14 years. This year 350 applicants tried to meet her exacting requirements.

"You have to be pretty," says Patricia, "and well educated and, how shall I put it, someone who would fit the image of the All England Tennis Club."

She firmly believes her girls are "the creme de la creme." Many are "debutante types" just back from being chalet girls in the smarter Swiss ski resorts for whom Wimbledon chauffeuring is an important part of the social calendar. So dedicated are some of her regulars that they "actually take two weeks' holiday from a full-time job to come and work."

"Our drivers aren't just dolly birds," says Patricia. "During the tournament they'll work eight-hour shifts and clock up a total of 3,000 miles between them. Try to find me a London cabbie who will work as hard as that."

As well as beating cab drivers at their own game, the women have to have the skills of a formula-one racing driver, a psychologist and a baby sitter all rolled into one; and be as good at driving a getaway car as any notorious bank robber.

They have an impressive knowledge of the back streets of Southwest London. "If a player has an important match to play," says Jenny, an experienced chauffeuse who has worked at Wimbledon for seven years, "then the last thing you can afford to do is to get stuck in traffic."

She chanted a route for me from memory. "Left out of the grounds, wiggle down to Earlsfield, up past the power station, round the back of Chelsea barracks..." With a memory like that and an enviable skill at nipping down side turnings, the Wimbledon chauffeuses can make it from the courts to the West End in 22 minutes.

The elaborate routes also have another purpose. "We avoid a lot of the tennis traffic and thereby a lot of over-curious fans."

"Over-enthusiastic supporter can be a problem," Patricia says, re-



McEnroe's blonde

membering the time Bjorn Borg went white under his tan at the sight of hordes of screaming teenyboppers who were waiting for him

I got kicked black and blue trying to get him into the car, and there were fans all over the bonnet. Eventually we used to sneak him out through the window of the ladies' loo and use decoy cars to fool fans

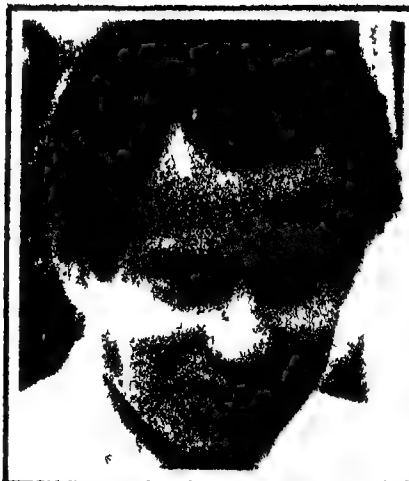
It is not easy driving with people lying across your front window, and even more sedate crowds can be a problem. You are not allowed to hoot people out of the way since any sudden noise can disturb play

Once through the crush the girls will often have to accelerate hard and race around corners at hair-raising speed to shake off anyone tailing them to find out where the tennis stars are staying

"You'd be surprised what length some people will go to in order to find out a player's address, laughs Patricia. One particularly nasty Nastase fan leant into a car and started pulling a long-haired chauffeuse's hair out by the roots to obtain the player's phone number. But if a girl revealed an address she would be sacked on the spot

As a rule the women are unwaveringly loyal to their players. After all, Patricia is the first to admit that it is not money that keeps them coming back year after year. "The pay is not great, she says

but the girls do get to watch a lot of good tennis with a chance of Centre Court seats if someone doesn't turn up



John McEnroe...sweet and shy and never ever rude

In some ways only mums and girlfriends are closer to the players than Patricia's girls during the contest. She believes that some of her chauffeuses can predict how a player is going to do in a match better than any professional commentator

"We see how nervous they are when they get into the car in the morning, or if they look bad tempered or edgy," says Patricia

You can tell when they are nervous, adds Jenny, because they just grunt at you

Knowing when to speak and when to keep your mouth shut is another art the Wimbledon women learn. "They are taught to introduce themselves, to chat brightly when necessary but to realise when the

player wants to be left alone"

This skill means that many of the women are looked upon as a sympathetic ear by players. "We get told a lot of things, we know a lot of secrets, but we're not giving any of them away

They have to learn to keep temperamental tennis stars in their place too. "All the players have to wait for their cars on the Royal steps outside the Centre Court. Some of them get impatient and try to queue jump, and we have to tell them firmly to wait their turn"

But without a doubt getting an insight into the lives of the stars is one of the plus points of the job. "We come to know their families and their foibles," says Patricia. And the private man or woman is often very different from the public image

For example superbrat John McEnroe is very sweet and shy and never ever rude. Chris Evert-Lloyd has a lovely mother and Wojtek Fibak is very fond of kissing people's hands

Although driving is operated on a pool system, there is no doubt the women have their favourite players

We had one girl who used to offer £5 to anyone who had Newcombe's ticket so keen was she to drive him

In their turn the players, too, have favourites. We get endless requests for Tania and Susie. Both are witty, fun and ace drivers too

So what of love matches between chauffeuses and players?

Well, says Patricia, "put it this way a lot of the tennis players are a long way from home and know very few people. So it's only natural that an attractive girl gets asked out. I pretend not to notice as long as the players are at the court on time"

Such romances are, she says, quite frequent. Certainly chauffeuses can be whisked off into the jetsetting international tennis circuit. But, she adds, world wearily, "I'm afraid most of the time it is only a 'holiday romance' for the players. I warn my girls but they still get hurt"

From this year she'll have to warn her boys too. For now men are being allowed to enter the exclusive ranks of Wimbledon drivers. Only 20 or so, says Patricia cautiously. "Time will tell whether they are as good at driving as the girls"

They'll have a lot to live up to, because as far as the players are concerned it's game, set and match to the faultless service of the women chauffeuses of Wimbledon



Spot the girl behind the outsize shades. Clue? It's hard to see anyone putting her in the shade

The answer is Martina Navratilova pictured having fun with friends at an Eastbourne tennis party recently

It's Vitas vs Martina!

VITAS GERULAITIS has had his bluff called over his jibes about women's tennis.

Martina Navratilova has accepted to play him - in a doubles match with her regular, double Grand Slam winning partner Pam Shriver in Atlantic City in August.

New Yorker Gerulaitis, who claimed last year that the male player ranked 100th in the world would easily beat the best women players, has chosen 1939 Wimbledon champion Bobby Riggs as his partner.

Gerulaitis, in his original challenge at last year's US Open, said he was prepared to bet his new mil-



Vitas Gerulaitis

Martina in legal row over book

TENNIS star Martina Navratilova's best-selling autobiography to be serialised from next week in SPORTSWEEK - may soon vanish from bookshop shelves.

The Wimbledon champion is believed to have demanded cuts, some of which have not been made, in the English edition of *Being Myself*.

A leading London book store reported last week: "We are now selling copies of the book."

"But we understand that legal action involving Martina and the English publishers will stop any further copies being supplied to us."

The dispute is believed to centre on the final chapter, which Martina regards as too down-beat.

BEGINS NEXT WEEK: A series of extracts from Martina Navratilova's controversial autobiography *Being Myself*.

lion dollar mansion on the match.

He and world champion Navratilova have now agreed to split a purse worth 250,000 dollars between the tennis foundations which carry their names and sponsor junior tennis development in the United States.

Tennis KO for Sinatra gatecrashers

A WIMBLEDON steward did it his way when superstar Frank Sinatra's minders tried to gatecrash the championships. He told them to get lost!

The heavies, who wanted to check security before the singer and his wife, Barbara visit the tennis, drew up at the gates in a dark saloon.

When they tried to talk their way in by mentioning Sinatra's name, they got a frosty reception.

A steward told them: "I don't care who you're trying to protect. No one - not even Royalty - gets past

Jacqueline's first ball girl on Centre Court

JACQUELINE PUSHONG is the first ball girl allowed on the Centre Court at Wimbledon.

Jacqueline, 15, from Banstead, was picked for the role after a girl in the year below her at Park School dropped out.

"I was delighted just to be asked to be a ball girl at Wimbledon because I wasn't at this school last year and this is where all the ball girls and boys come from."

"Then when they told me I was going to be on the Centre Court - the first girl ever to do so - I couldn't believe it."

"I was terrified at first but now I'm really enjoying it," she said.

Twenty-two girls have been taken on for Wimbledon, and all of them, and the boys, are graded.

Jacqueline made the grade which was why she was picked for the Centre Court.

"All my friends are jealous, and my parents are really proud. They came to see me. It is the experience of a lifetime. I will probably never be a ball girl again because I am really too old now."

these gates without the proper passes.

Sinatra has recruited his 18-strong bodyguard from the East London protection company, Krayleigh Enterprises, which is masterminded by the notorious Kray twins from their prison cells.

The firm specialises in guarding film stars and oil-rich Arabs and trades on the boast: "We have never lost a client. It charges £100 a day with a limousine thrown in."

McEnroe hit by £6m suit

TENNIS bad boy John McEnroe was hit by a £6 million law suit at the New York Supreme Court.

Second teacher Christopher Schneider claims the defending Wimbledon champion cursed, threatened and threw sawdust in his face at the 1983 US Open.

The incident, seen by millions on TV, happened when he was cheering the star's opponent Trey Watke. Although Schneider was not injured, he claims he and his family have suffered embarrassment and harassment ever since.



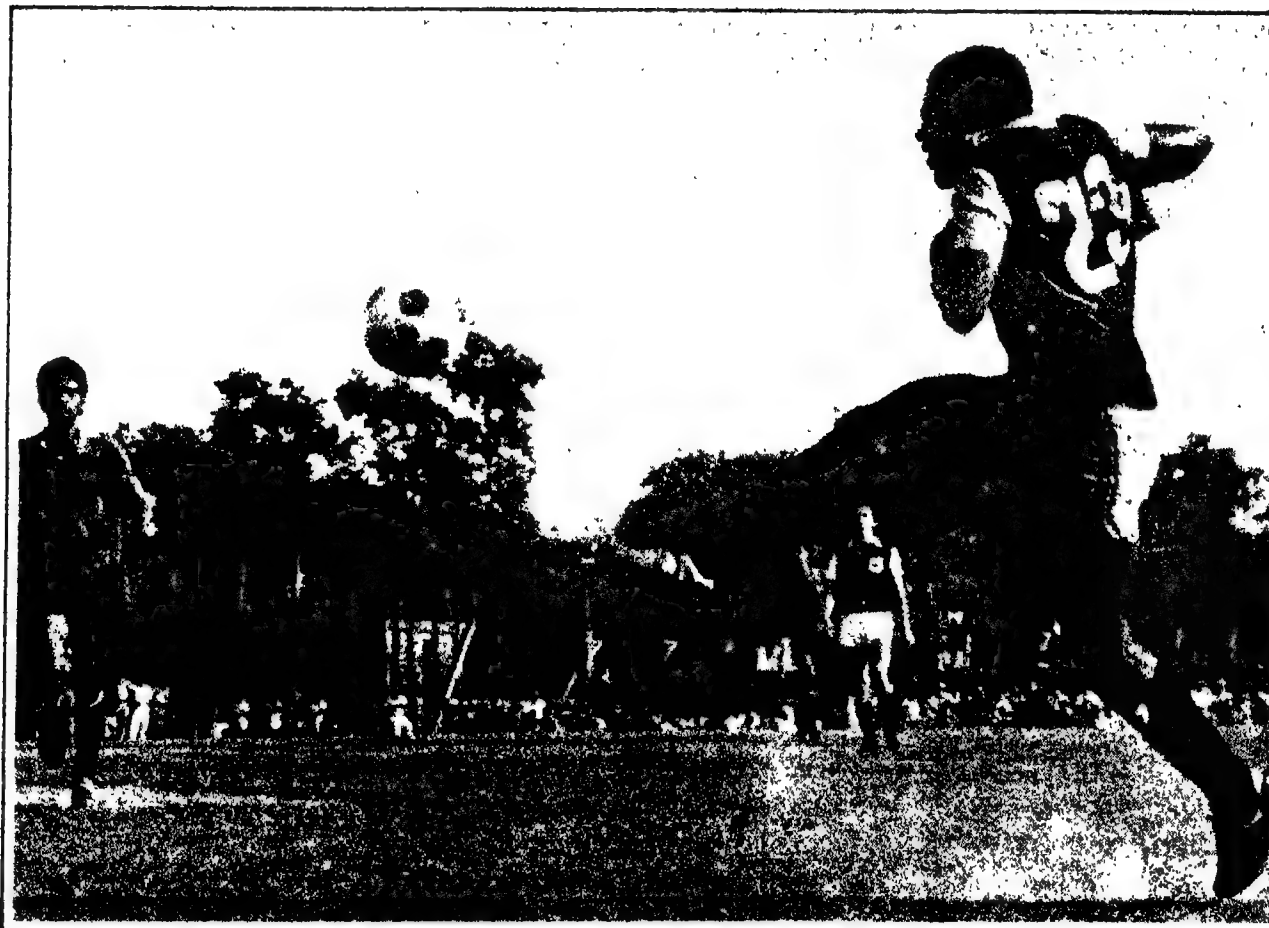
First service...Jacqueline Pushong at Wimbledon



CALCUTTA SOCCER

By Debabrata Chowdhury

Cheema Okorie ridiculed



Mohd. Sporting's Cheema Okorie shoots goalwards against Eastern Railway. Mohd. Sporting won 1-0

CHEEMA Okorie, who won the hearts of the Mohammedan fans in the earlier games was the subject of much ridicule when Mohammedan Sporting faced the Aryans Club in the Calcutta Soccer league.

With the referee Tarak Sen remaining placid, Cheema could scale new heights in notoriety had not coach Mohammed Abdus Sattar intervened and took him off thirteen minutes from time.

For his frenzied acts all that Cheema earned was a yellow card when an ouster looked to be the only punishment but as everyone knows referees in Calcutta do not dare send off a player of big club for fear public wrath. He would get no protection from the authorities and he as a family to sustain. Not unnaturally whenever the big teams score a goal against their weaker opponents it is not only their fans

who heave a sigh of relief but also the police as well.

A draw or a defeat for a big team means all sorts of trouble and everyone connected with the game in the city wants to avoid it at all costs. So it is quite natural that referees would bend the rules to suit the big teams. And the authorities do intend to uplift the standard in such a situation only.

Mohammedan won the match under review by two goals to nil the scorers being Arup Das and Shabbir Ali. With the primary job of securing the three points at stake finished the Mohammedan players did not mind turning it a dull affair in the second session. The response from the Aryans boys, some of them battered and bruised, were also timid and the capacity crowd who came in to witness a close battle went home dejected.

Against Aryans there was a

change in the Mohammedan defence. Moidul Islam did not play and his place was taken by Mushee Ahmed who did more justice in his new place than his erstwhile position as a wingback. The defence as a whole looked more stronger than before and the halfline too with Amlraj and Prem Dorji looking more serious about their job were for once mobile.

Moidul's absence after a long long time was, however, not without any reason. Reports are coming about his rift with Prasun Banerjee and there is also a rumour that some club officials have gone against him. It appears, it would take some time before everything is settled amicably.

Shabbir Ali is perhaps the only Mohammedan Sporting player who is trying hard to act as a link between the offence and the defence and it is he who has been keeping



Tussle in the air for supremacy but East Bengal's Jamshed Nassiri gets to it first in their match against Railway F.C. East Bengal won 2-0

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the teams attacking machine moving. Apart from that his penchant for goals at least at the club level, is still there. He, however, failed to do justice to himself in the game against Tollygunge Agragami. The only solace for him was that he laid on the only goal for Arup Das.

Narinder Thapa came to Calcutta with high hopes but upto now he has done little precious. The only thing is that he keeps on trying which sadly for him has not been enough.

Humid

The day East Bengal were to meet Behala Youth was hot and humid but the gallery was packed to capacity. The reason was obvious. The Behala boys had earlier drawn their game against Mohun Bagan. Would they be able to repeat the show now? In the end they could not, but they had the consolation of scoring the first goal against East Bengal this season.

It was general consensus that had Moniranjana Bhattacharjee played the goal it could have been avoided. May or may not be true, but it is a fact the sturdy defender is a source of inspiration to his colleagues. A minor injury kept him out of the game as it did in the subsequent game against Taltalia by five goals to one and East Bengal were able to hit only one. So this tells the full tale of East Bengal's mediocrity but they looked a shade better against Behala.

Verbal duel

The game will, however, be remembered for the verbal duel coach P.K.M. Banerjee had with the supporters both during and after the game. Their grievance was that all the East Bengal players were directing their passes towards Debashish Roy while Jamshed Nassiri was being ignored totally. P.K. dismissed all this as rubbish and he attributed the goal against East Bengal to the fact that his players suffered from a lapse in concentration following too much and much hue and cry was raised by the fans. The supporters in general are also not happy. Krishnu Dey is not being used. P.K.'s version is that since the player is undergoing a treatment for a torn ligament using him in this state would only aggravate the injury. Fed up with poor show by their team the supporters in comparison were in a better frame of mind when their team beat Rajasthan Club by three goals to nil. Rajasthan's



Babu Mani of Mohun Bagan (not in pic) scores the first goal against B N. Railway. Bagan won 2-1

strength, theoretically at least is just below the big three and the margin naturally was a bit flattering. The reason was that they could not play according to their true potential and Mohun Bagan capitalized on the lethargic approach of their opponents freely and dictated the proceedings. However, they still looked far from the cohesive unit Amar Dutta has promised to make them. Perhaps, he needs more time to do so but he has had already enough at his disposal

Failed

The three goals came in the second half with Babu Mani scoring two and the other winger Subir Sarkar getting the other. Xavier Pius whom Amar Dutta has been using for the last three games for once failed to deliver the goods but even then his arrival after the breather against Rajasthan seemed to have inspired the other boys a great deal

The football activities of the club would from now on be looked after by the venerable Sainen Manna. This was decided in a meeting of the club's working committee a few days ago following the Football secretary Chuni Goswami's departure for Bombay. Chuni incidentally, was transferred a few months ago to the Nagpur circle of the State Bank of India and it was to put the boys on a better frame of mind that he came to Calcutta on a months leave. The SOS from his employers has, however, put an end to all that.

TV Soccer

By Stan Lover

SPOT THE ACTION TEST ... No. 1



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Here a forward attempts to kick the ball out of his hands. This is dangerous play

What is the punishment?

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SOCCER PROFILE

LAWRENCE GOMES

Indefatigable as ever

WHEN VASCO Sports Club was dominating football in Goa between 1970 and 1975, a student of St. Joseph High School named Lawrence Gomes used to derive great pleasure in watching them practice at the Tilak grounds.

He used to stand behind the goal eagerly waiting for the ball to come to him. Every time the ball went out he used to run after it in an attempt to get to it before the other boys could do so.

Today at the age of 22, Lawrence Gomes has succeeded in becoming a very good linkman. He began learning the game when he was playing for Mangor Sports Club. From Mangor he moved on to Mundvel, a second division side which was promoted to the Sr Division league at a time when he joined the Marmugoa Port Trust team.

A highly impressive performance for MPT paved the way for him to join Salgaocar Sports Club in 1982-83. Lawrence achieved the distinction of captaining the junior India at Nepal the same season and also had the honour of representing the senior national side that went to Bangladesh.

He played for Goa in the junior National Football championship at Tripura and Pondichery. Surprisingly enough, he could not find a place in the senior Goa side for the Nationals at Madras in 1984 and it was in Uttar Pradesh last season that he made his debut for Goa in the National championship for the Santosh Trophy.

Sparsely built Lawrence, (Larry to his colleagues) has a fine style of play. He dribbles with good control and deceptive body movements.

Indefatigable that he is, he moves up and down to provide assistance to his defenders and forwards. Passes released by Lawrence can catch even the best of the defenders on the wrong foot and it is a great asset to his side that Lawrence has good shooting ability to score the goals for them. He scored a number of goals during the 1983-84 season when Salgaocar won the league, Super league and the Feroz Goo titles besides finishing runners up to Iraq in the Stafford Cup tournament. He netted two goals each against JCT in the Sait

Pradesh in the Stafford Cup. He is indeed a good attacking half with good temperament for big matches.

Besides Brahmanand, Lawrence performed consistently well for Salgaocar last season and he played in an authoritative manner in the Federation Cup semi-finals against Mohun Bagan. He caught



Lawrence Gomes...Salgaocar's prized performer

the eye of the connoisseurs and Amol Dutta the Mohun Bagan coach had a special word of praise for him. Amol Dutta said Lawrence is certainly good enough to play for India.

Despite the fact that Salgaocar lost the services of two of their outstanding linkmen, Maurice and Arnold, they did not have to face any problems in the midfield as Lawrence, with the assistance of Mariano and Bento Andrew, took care of it exceedingly well.

Salgaocar were still able to win the league and the super league championships during the 1984-85 season and won the runners up trophies in the Sait Nagjee and the Vizag tournament. It augurs well for Salgaocar that Lawrence has decided to carry on with them by rejecting the offers which the other clubs had made to him.

Lawrence says that they were indeed unlucky not to have made the Federation cup finals at Bangalore at the expense of Mohun Bagan.

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"IVANOVITCH PETROVSKI VLADIMIR
TRESHKOBIVITCH... ALL RIGHT,
DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!"

A promising Russian

RUSSIAN players have been seen around the international tennis circuit since the 1950s. In the 1970s, Alex Metreveli and Olga Morizova reached one or two finals at Wimbledon, and it seemed that others coming up behind them might go even further in the game.

Perhaps inevitably, politics came into the picture, with the Russian hierarchy forbidding play with South Africans. So for several years players from that country were missing from the world circuit. Now they are reappearing, mainly because tennis is scheduled for the next Olympic Games - in Seoul - and the Russians are eager for the letters USSR, going into the records when this comes about.

The possibility of desire becoming fact, seemed more likely in the French Open via the performances



of Andrei Chesnokov, a 19-year-old, slim Muscovite. Ranking only 307th on the world computer records, he played well above that standard when battling his way through the qualifying competition's three rounds, and then in a reasonably simple first round in the main event.

That put him against Eliot Teltscher, the world number 10 - and an experienced and tough competitor. In reaching him, Chesnokov had not dropped a set and he might well have continued in that

vein had he not suffered nervousness against such a prestigious opponent. That nervousness only lasted one set, during which he discovered that the man across the net was beatable. Not easily, of course, but still beatable. So he went to work with spirit and venom. The score deserves recording: a win for Chesnokov 5-7 7-5 6-4.

In various other forms of sport, Russia tops the world. Gymnastics and ice skating come readily to mind. Against Chesnokov, Teltscher ran into a different facet of tennis' sheer technical competence.

Specifically, Chesnokov uses a double-handed backhand. That, in most such players, does not lend itself easily to one of the most telling shots in the game: the backhand drive straight down the line. Across the court it can be extremely effective, but opponents know what to expect and they are prepared and trained to cope. The ball that flashes straight down the line is another thing altogether, as Teltscher found to his cost. That - a series of thunderbolt services launched from around six feet above the ground - and Chesnokov's determination, produced the upset which may herald the arrival of a Russian capable of climbing near, or to, the top.

The Sporting Life



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Yorkshire take a verbal lashing from Kapil Dev

Boycott blamed again

GEOFF BOYCOTT walked into a go-slow controversy at Harrogate last week when he was fiercely criticised by Indian Test star Kapil Dev.

The row was over Yorkshire's refusal to go for the runs when set an attractive Britannic championship target of 271 in 59 overs by a Worcester team lacking the services of injured fast bowler John Inchmore.

Yorkshire crawled to 124 for 3

off 50 overs with Boycott 64 not out, before the game ended without the last half-hour being taken.

Paceman Dev showed his contempt for the pointless proceedings by slowing down to bowl off-spin for the last over.

And Dev declared afterwards: "I was disappointed Yorkshire made no effort to go for victory."

"If Yorkshire's captain did not think Boycott could go for the runs,

he should have sent him in lower down the order."

"Harrogate is a small ground and we were a bowler short, so our declaration was highly reasonable in the circumstances."

Sarcastic cheers greeted Boycott's first run after he had been at the crease for nine overs.

Skipper David Bairstow promoted himself to number four in an attempt to step up the run chase - and had an exchange of views with Boycott at the wicket.

Ali's marriage is kayoed

MUHAMMAD ALI's third marriage was kayoed last week when he and his beautiful wife Veronica said they were getting divorced.

In a petition filed in Los Angeles Veronica cited 'irreconcilable differences' and asked for custody of their two young daughters.

The eight-year marriage is out for the count, but the three-time heavy-weight boxing champion of the world insists that it has ended amicably.

Grace Andrews, the couple's Press agent, said: "Veronica and Muhammad maintain the utmost admiration, love and respect for each other and their friendship remains intact."

Veronica, a former beauty queen, took up acting when Ali quit the ring in 1981.

Ali, 43, has eight children from his three marriages.

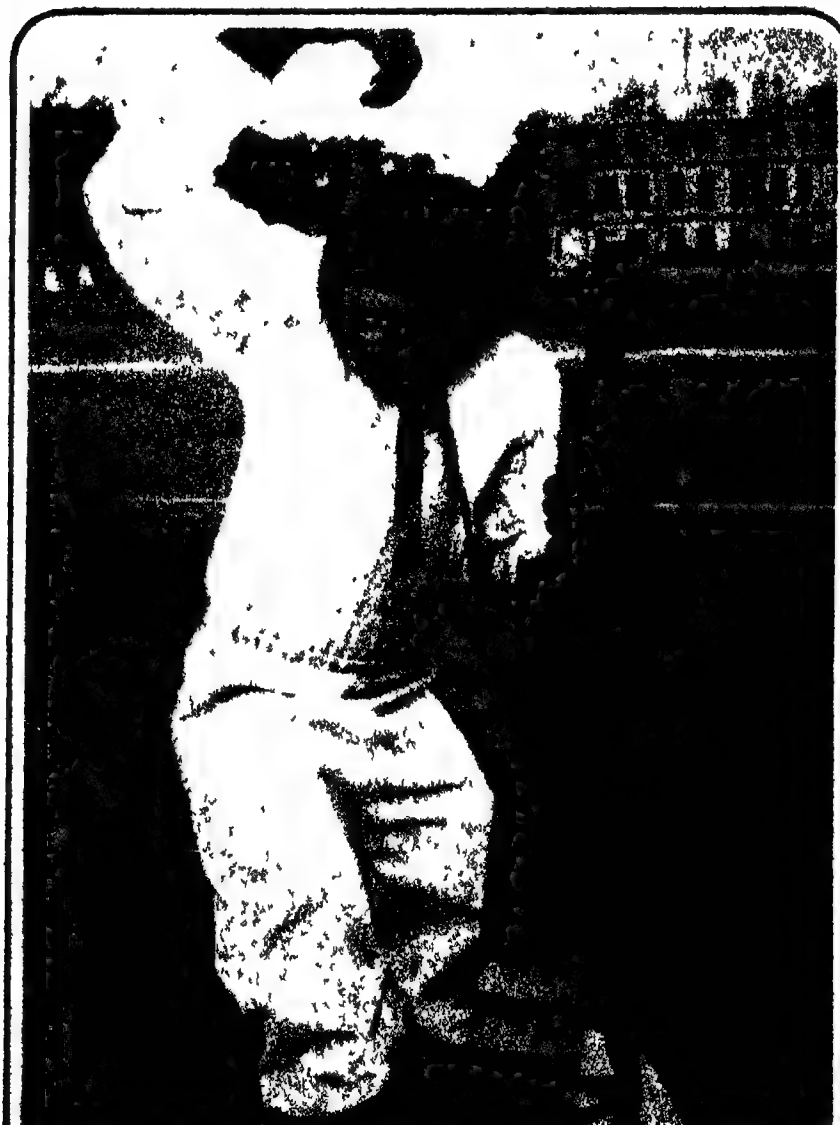
Alarm for champ

WORLD Champion John McEnroe admitted that he needs to shake himself up if he is to hang on to the Wimbledon title he has held for the last two years.

Unhappy McEnroe made his confession after he scraped into the third round by doing just enough to beat Nigerian Nduka The Duke Odizor.

Odizor sprang to fame two years ago by beating the then fourth seed Guillermo Vilas but is now ranked 119th in the world.

But McEnroe confessed after his 7-6, 6-1, 7-6 win: "I will not win the tournament if I carry on playing like that. I got by, but I just hope I wake up and feel better in the next few matches."



Cricket-mad Mandy makes a monkey out of the MCC's men-only rule as she proudly stakes her claim for a place in the side. She was all set to play for Lord Bath's XI in a charity match against Lord Taverners - and even had the audacity to wear the MCC's red and gold tie. Sadly, in the end, 12th 'man' Mandy wasn't even asked to bat.

RAMANATHAN KRISHNAN**On equal terms with the greats of his era**

Z LATOO Balakovic was a great exponent of western music with his violin and a great humanist in his own right. A friend of India he was a frequent visitor with his wife to this country till a decade back and had cultivated a number of friends.

Balakovic was also deeply interested in sports, of which tennis was close to his heart. Seeing Ramanathan Krishnan on the television, he was taken by his 'touch' and developed an admiration for him. During one of his trips he expressed to a friend in Bombay, his desire to see Krishnan play. Fortunately for him, Krishnan was to play the final of the Western India Tennis Championship the same evening. Balakovic was taken by his friend to witness the match.

Recounting the scene to me sometime back the friend said: 'It was really a sight to see Balakovic enjoy the tennis of Krishnan. He was so excited that he could hardly hold on to his seat and enjoyed every move, every stroke of Krishnan with abandon. Balakovic was totally lost in Krishnan's artistry. After the game, when I introduced the two maestros to each other, Balakovic caught hold of Krishnan's hands and broke out: 'it is really a great day in my life meeting the greatest touch artist in tennis'.

This narration brings out the essence of Krishnan's tennis and the influence it had on one and all, stirring them to the very depths. Watching the arts and graces of the game from the mighty, flaming racket of Krishnan the Westerners were reminded of Eastern sorcery and mystique irrespective of whether he won or lost.

Krishnan's predecessors in Indian tennis like Ghaus Mohammed, who had reached the quarter-final stage in the Wimbledon championship, did show occasional touch of brilliance but none of them rose to the heights to which Krishnan did and influenced the game as he did.

Krishnan really lifted his game with a professional approach in contrast to the happy-go-lucky



Ramanathan Krishnan lifted his game with a professional approach

manner of an amateur and at the same time providing a fresh dimension to it with his exquisite artistry.

One critic commented, 'It was good to see a real touch player in command in a field where brawn, service and volley power holds so much sway.' While a great cricketer or hockey player however, individualistic, is a member of a team whose success also enhanced his reputation, Krishnan was involved in a sport where the individual player alone mattered, so much so the fact that he did not win the Wimbledon or like competitions, is apt to cloud the Indian's judgement while assessing his real calibre.

Initially, like any other Indian boy Krishnan was attracted to cricket but the judgement and foresight of his father, T.K. Ramanathan, himself a no mean tennis player, turned his attention to tennis.

Shifting the family from Tenkasi, down south, to Madras, father and son worked together very hard to ensure the development of the later in the game. Krishnan's gifts soon began to surface and strengthen his game, under the watchful eye of his father. From many local triumphs Krishnan moved to the national scene, winning the junior

national title at Calcutta in 1950 as a slip of a boy of 13 years.

Time relentlessly rolled on. The boy blossomed quickly into a champion player and won laurels in every country he played, embellishing the game with his artistry, which was almost akin to the magic of Rangi in cricket and Dhyan Chand in hockey. He became a favourite at Wimbledon, the mecca of the tennis world, winning the hearts of everyone, rival players and spectators by the subtle quality of his tennis.

The Krishnan era, starting in 1950 lasted 25 years, during which he was ranked among the world's best ten on five occasions: third in 1959, tenth in 1960, sixth in 1961, eighth in 1962 and ninth in 1965. The peak was reached between 1959, when he won the Asian title for the first time beating Barry Mackay, and 1962.

Krishnan is the first Indian to win the Queens Club Tournament, an important prelude or pace-setter to the Wimbledon Championship, in 1959, defeating Alex Olmedo and Neale Fraser in the last two rounds. Krishnan got another first for India in 1960 reaching the semi-final at Wimbledon, defeating Ayala of Chile, and then lost to Fraser, the ultimate champion.

Krishnan repeated the act in the following season, beating Roy Emerson in the quarter-final and then lost to Rod Laver, who went on to win the championship. Krishnan, 25-years-old then and at the peak of his form, reached Wimbledon in 1962 with great hopes as he was seeded number four. But cruel fate knocked him out of the competition when he sprained an ankle in an early round and limped out of the court.

An estimation of Krishnan's game by leading critics during these peak years is worth recalling as they bring out clearly its super-fine quality. His match against Ayala in 1960 was a 'battle of subtle moves countered by even more cunning measures' and Krishnan turned out to be the cleverer tactician. The packed centre court were held enthralled by his game.

board tennis."

Krishnan himself considers his match against Emerson in 1961 as his best at Wimbledon, when he won in a matter of 55 minutes.

"Emerson found himself unable to assert his routine," the London Times critic wrote, against the many-sided subtle strokeplay of Krishnan. Here was some form of Eastern magic beyond the Australian's understanding. Krishnan, full of the most delicate imaginative angles and glorious stop-volleys, achieved by a gentle turn of the wrist, had a confident answer to every situation. Unhurried, inscrutable and persuasive, he obliterated the brittle game of a player who could understand only pace. But pace was the last thing offered and, the more Emerson tried to answer the soft ball with speed, the more lost he was."

The same critic marked Krishnan's earlier victory over Palafox thus: "Krishnan had too many angles, too much skill and too many delicate persuasive stop-volleys for Palafox as the Indian moved on court, inscrutable, althost in tiptoe. His game, indeed, is something of a whisper and fascinating for that."

Critics raved when Krishnan beat Fraser in the Queens Club final of 1959. Tony Mottram, former British champion wrote: "Krishnan always gives the appearance of wandering leisurely around the court rather than being hurried under pressure, and he has a well developed anticipation, a strong wrist and keen eye. These qualities were much in evidence and Fraser's fast, viciously spinning left-handed service was handled in masterly fashion."

It was Krishnan's control of the return of service and passing shot, both played in the modern style with a lifted top-spin stroke, that put the net-rushing Fraser in trouble. Even when there seemed signs of Fraser's recovery Krishnan responded with a superb coup which, to the spectators unfamiliar with his uncanny sense of positional play, might well have been thought a run of colossal luck."

Analysing these critical appraisals, the Statesman of Calcutta wrote: "There is something about Krishnan that lends lyrical wings to the prose of the tennis scribes. mere elbow grease."

For all the artistically exciting displays he gave, and his victories over every leading player of his days sometimes or other, the fact remains that Krishnan did not win the Wimbledon title.



The greats meet... Sunil Gavaskar takes pleasure in greeting Ramanathan Krishnan

Another leading critic underlined the reason for this: "He is an undisputed master of touch tennis, and a wizard at the art of disguising a shot. But the instinct to kill - so vitally necessary - does not seem to be there. If he could develop this instinct..."

Or, was it that Krishnan's soaring spirit exploring newer realms of artistry, ignored or worked against the development of the killer instinct.

The octogenarian double international, in tennis and cricket, C. Ramaswami once told me, "Krishnan was our greatest player in tennis. There were, and even now, there are very few players so perfect in their strokeplay on both flanks like him. If only he had developed the canon ball service I am sure, in the 1960s, he would have easily won the Wimbledon title."

"Krishnan has brought glory to India in the most strenuous branch of world sport," commented K.S. Narasimhan, the Madras journalist who was close to tennis and knew Krishnan as a toddler. "Krishnan crowns the latest brand of modern tennis, the power game, with consummate skill and superb control."

Another telling aspect of Krishnan's tennis was his perfect conduct on and off the court. "He is great as a winner, greater as a loser. There is not the slightest trace of emotion when he strides into a court for a match."

Even when he has a world champion in his bag, he is unperturbed.

He has the stillness of the panther with the suddenness of its spring.

To quote K.S.N. on this aspect, "One characteristic that has endeared Krishnan to one and all, everywhere in the world, is his excellent behaviour on the court. This earned him the unique distinction of being the first Indian to win the Seabright trophy, awarded in America for the best sportsman on the tennis court."

The lesson, which tennis enthusiasts must learn from their idol are not so much the manner he makes his strokes as much as the exemplary court manners he exhibits.

The crowning aspect of Krishnan's tennis was his sense of patriotism which governed his actions on and off the field. Playing for the country or representing it he considered as his foremost duty, and no lure of the lucre could wean him away from it. He was always insistent that a player should do nothing on the court or off it, which would lower the prestige of his country.

The first Indian and Asian, to achieve many distinctions in international tennis, where he moved on equal terms with the greats of his era, winning the Helms trophy for outstanding achievement, the first Indian to win the Seabright trophy for impeccable manners on court, a patriot to the core, Krishnan was an inspiration to tennis aspirants in his playing days and continues to be so even today.

Kapil, Azhar in World XI

THE English magazine *The Cricketer* has revealed that the MCC's bi-centenary celebrations in 1987 will be marked by a five day match contested by 22 of the best cricketers in the world

An MCC World XI comprising players engaged in county cricket will play a team from the Rest of The World

The *Cricketers* editor the very knowledgeable Christopher Martin Jenkins has suggested the following team's might do battle

MCC World Counties Gordon Greenidge Graham Gooch Viv Richards Alvin Kallicharan Javed Miandad Ian Botham or Imran Khan Malcolm Marshall Richard Hadlee A'an Knott Phil Edmonds Joel Garner

Rest of The World Jimmy Cook (South Africa) Kepler Wessels Mohammed Azharuddin Martin Crowe or Larry Gomes Graeme Pollock (South Africa) Allan Border Jeff Dujon Kapil Dev Geoff Lawson Michael Holding Abdul Qadir



Mohammed Azharuddin...going places

WEEKLY WHISPERS

TAKING the cue the magazine *Australian Cricket* has volunteered its own teams for the tie

MCC Gordon Greenidge Graham Gooch Mike Gatting Viv Richards Allan Lamb Richard Hadlee Paul Downton John Emburey Malcolm Marshall Joel Garner Phil Edmonds

Rest of The World Ravi Shastri Kepler Wessels John Reid Mohammed Azharuddin Allan Border Jeff Dujon Simon O'Donnell Graig McDermott Geoff Lawson Abdul Qadir Laxman Sivaramakrishnan

Steve Rixon - "family comes first"

STEVE Rixon one player who missed the Ashes tour by signing to play in South Africa said his decision was made for his family. I expected things to work out the way they did unfortunately, but it was a decision for the Rixon family, he said

Rixon said he would be quite happy to play with his Sydney club side Sutherland in the event of the South African rebels being banned from first class cricket in Australia

He refused to comment, however, when asked what he thought of the four players - Dirk Welham Wayne Phillips Murray Bennett and Graeme Wood - who pulled out of the South African tour

Boycott has his pockets full!

GEOFFREY Boycott is in the record books - again England's most prolific rungetter will pocket around £175 000 from his testimonial year. That easily beats the £128 000 which Lancashire's Jack Simmons collected five years ago

And with the £20 000 Boycott collected from his first testimonial back in 1974 the controversial opener will have been close on £200 000 by the Yorkshire fans who worship him

The final figure has not yet been totted up. But Peter Briggs a Yorkshire member and a close friend of Boycott said The money is still coming in. No one will be surprised if the figure is in excess of £150 000

Which is probably why Boycott does not regret being dropped by the English selectors for the Ashes series. He is quite content doing duty for Yorkshire

THE SPORTING LIFE



YES, I'M AFRAID THERE IS A COMMUNICATION GAP. MY SON SEEKS THE PERFECT WAVE WHILE MY HUSBAND SEEKS THE PERFECT WAVE.



Boycott...quite content doing duty for Yorkshire

A big kiss for Botham!

If Graham Gooch and Ian Botham keep up their early season form the England, exiles could give Australia a real hammering in the remaining three Tests

Gooch smashed a century off 67 balls when he made 202 against Notts. He hit 32 fours and two sixes in making almost two thirds of Essex's 297 for five declared

Botham hammered 112 against Glamorgan. Then when he was fielding, a kissogram girl, dressed in a

sexy black corset, suspenders and stockings, jumped over the boundary to give the Somerset allrounder a big kiss

It was organised by Botham's manager Tim Hudson as a reward for scoring a century in 76 minutes the previous day

Botham meanwhile is to help launch a new range of clothes described by the manufacturers as a classic concept that will incorporate the public schoolboy look

Ian Botham ? A public school boy ?



Graham Gooch...back with vengeance

900 miles on foot for a noble cause

THAT man Botham again. The most charismatic cricketer in the world will defy pain to walk the 900 miles from John O'Groats to Lands End to raise £100,000 for charity.



Ian Botham... "Nothing will stop me...not even blood pouring from my shoes"

after the current season ends

the Somerset and England all-rounder plans to walk 30 miles a day for the 30 days of November this year for the Leukaemia Research Fund. And he said: "Nothing will stop me not even blood pouring from my shoes"

Those who know Botham's courage and determination wouldn't argue. There is no more determined person than me, he said almost by way of confirmation. "If I say something then I'll do it. And I'll walk the length of Great Britain to help others"

Botham became particularly interested in Leukaemia Research when he visited a young boy in hospital some years ago

FANatic

by Marcus



The star tells

"FROM fine leg or Bay 13, D.K.L. was poetry in motion - a magnificent sight to behold. But as an opponent at 22 yards they didn't come any meaner - he had hate in his eyes. It was a truly intimidating sight to see Dennis turn at the head of his bowling mark and begin to charge in towards you."

Max Walker's tribute to Dennis Lillee in his foreword in the latter's book 'Over and Out!' is not an exaggeration. Dennis Lillee was (or is very close to being) the greatest fast bowler of alltime.

His imposing Test record, his performances in the Packer Series plus the opinion of most of the leading batsmen of his time would entitle him a place very near the top of any all-time great list.

But this said, it has also to be accepted that Lillee was way down in the list of all-time great 'cricketers' in the absolute sense of the word. He had a penchant for getting into unsavoury controversies and imbroglios.

He was short tempered, egoistic and spoilt.

But he was a star. He had charisma and what is euphemistically termed 'personality', the hero of millions of young Australians. And one of the benefits that modern sporting heroes reap is the quick through an autobiography or memoirs.

'Over and Out!' (published by Methuen Australia Pty Ltd, pp 194,

price Rs. 135, is one more such hastily-produced book in the genre of 'Idols' (by Sunil Gavaskar) 'Heroes and Contemporaries' (by David Gover) etc.

Written almost immediately after his retirement, Dennis Lillee now reminisces about his last season in cricket, his brushes with the Australian Cricket Board, his strained relationship with Kim Hughes, his antagonism with the press and sundry chapters on his choice of best batsman, the fast bowlers, his all-time great Australian team and one special chapter on his special mate Rod Marsh.

It is a little unfortunate that if the book is worth reading it is because Lillee's views on relatively trifling matters like his friendship with Marsh or his choice of fast bowlers who matter etc.

There is very little substance in what one would normally expect in an autobiography of the best fast bowler of all time.

What makes him click? How did he take to cricket? How did he develop his considerable skills?

How far is the bouncer justified at tailenders? There are some of the questions which surely any student of the game would have liked Lillee to answer.

But like he has done throughout his cricketing life, Lillee thrives again on controversy in his book. And then what do we get? A defensive, cribbing Lillee trying to justify



everything - from kicking Mian-dad's bottom to explaining the benefits of using an aluminium bat to denouncing Kim Hughes.

His tirade against Hughes in fact seems unjustified. The tone in which he discusses Hughes is mocking. It is obvious that Lillee (and some of the other Packerites) could never reconcile themselves to the fact that a man who had snubbed Kerry Packer would one day be leading them and Australia. His arguments against Hughes are both contrived and unconvincing.

And then there are some factual errors, the most glaring being the one about Sunil Gavaskar's runs at home and away which have been already highlighted by some discerning readers in the Mailbag column of this magazine.

Having said all that, one must admit that Lillee (and/or) his ghost has written the book in a racy, engrossing style. It may lack substance but 'Over and Out!' is certainly readable. As readable as a thriller where the demarcation between fact and fiction is shrouded in mystery.

Essays by Members of the Cricket Writers Club



Success beyond expectations

THE Cricket Writers Club was established in 1947 during the first Test match between England and South Africa at Nottingham. A decade later the club compiled its first book of Cricket Heroes, which was a success beyond expectations.

It is surprising, therefore, that it took them another 25 years to offer a second collection of essays on heroes of the best game of them all.

Nevertheless one has to be thankful that such a book has been produced at all in these days of instant biographies and what not. The choice of writers is good. And the subjects chosen by these writers could not have been better. We have John Arlott on Maurice

Tate, John Thicknesse on Denis Compton, David Frith on Ray Lindwall and Neil Harvey, Frank Keating on Tom Graveney, Chris Martin-Jenkind on the late Ken Barrington, Paul Weaver on Dennis Lillee, Dicky Rutnagur on Sunil Gavaskar and Tony Cozier on Gary Sobers (who else). All masterly essays on the masters of the sport, both old and modern.

A compulsive buy for addicts, who believe that cricket and literature go hand in hand.

(Cricket Heroes edited by David Lemmon, pp 160, price Rs. 157/-)

(Both books are available at Marine Sports, Gokhale Road (North), Dadar, Bombay-28)

Teach waterpolo to women and... Your hair turns grey!



"T EACH water polo to the women and have your hair turn grey." This is a popular though cynical joke with American waterpolo

Only the other day at the Delhi Asiad, Mitra led the Indian men's team. Then he was induced into take up a coaching assignment and now, he finds himself training the Indian waterpolo women's team that may take part in the qualifying tournament for the world championships. This tournament will be held in France in July while the worlds will be held in Madrid next year.

Mitra is sad that there has been criticism about the women players being below standards and that they should not have entered the Indian team in the tournament. "In any other country all would have been egging their players on. In our country we do not encourage talented people".

Mitra feels Indian women are at least among the top four in the Asian level. Our players have big palms and it is easier for them to

grasp the ball. Not so with players of other countries. also in speed Mitra feels Indian women are shaping well; "they only need to be stronger," said Mitra who gave the finishing touches to the team at the MGMO pool.

It was unfortunate that Anita Sood and Bula Chaudhury, the two fast swimmers could not make it to the team. They feel it will affect their swimming. In fact coach Eric Arnold told Bula not to go for waterpolo. Arnold is training the Indian probables for the Pan Pacific Games at Tokyo in New Delhi.

With Anita, Bula, Perris Madan and Ila Paul around India's team would have had a better look than it has now. But still the team is not lacking in enthusiasm and will try its hardest.

The government gave the go ahead for team by clearing the three coaching camps which cost them a packet. Now the only hitch, if at all, is that the chosen players must pass the physical fitness tests. These tests were taken at the second camp and the timings were checked. The results are awaited. After that India will make its bow in international waterpolo.

A record of sorts will be set for the team will be going without having had any competitive play. For there was not been a waterpolo national so far only the exhibition game at the fag end of the last Nationals.

Some Bombay girls and Bengal girls have had a taste of it and many Indian probables at the Asiad also had a feel of waterpolo when Jhonke the East German coach made them play waterpolo only to relieve the tedium of normal training.

So waterpolo is not all that new to our women players. What will count is their adaptation to the new setting and how they cope with international competition.

With women's waterpolo to be included in the Seoul Asiad, our women players must thank their stars that they are getting international experience so soon. And while they are about it one hopes the sport will be spared the controversies especially the one of the misbehaviour of an official with one of the probables, Alpna Adhikari.

SW Correspondent



Swimmer in action at the camp. Her sister, Anita Sood's absence will be felt

Focus on youth

WITH TWO ASIAN SNOOKER championships behind them what is the progress report of the snooker and billiard in Asia. When posed this question, Mr Maurice Kerr, president Asian Snooker and Billiards Council, said things were rosy. He said, We held the first Asians tournament in Bangkok and inside a year we had an Asian as a world champion, Om Agrawal. Now this Asian at Singapore has focussed on young talent which I am sure will bloom.

Mr Kerr, hails from Thailand where the game of snooker is a sell out. Mr Opas, secretary of the Thai federation said Bangkok alone boasts of about 2,000 tables and Thailand could well have twenty thousand.

However in contrast, billiards is not popular at all. They call it 'three ball' but they do not have time for it. But they evinced keen interest when the world's second ranked amateur, Subash Agrawal, played for a few hours at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. The connois-

seurs of the game were held spell-bound by the fast play of Agrawal who, in July, seeks to topple the world champion and compatriot, Michael Ferreira from his pedestal in The Worlds which will be held at the Taj, New Delhi.

Subash just as fast at billiards as brother Om is at snooker, was paid this compliment by many. Billiards sorely needs fast players like you.

Mr Kerr said the Asian council had discussed the staging of the First Asian Billiards Championship.

Billiards may take the place of pride in India but elsewhere people want to see snooker and nothing else. The Asian body hopes to rope in more members. Already there is a request by the All China Sports Federation seeking help to popularise snooker there. Some tables are being imported by China and even Burma has evinced interest in joining the Asian body.

When told that just organising one Asian tournament per year would hardly help need for more

tournaments. Especially what our Asian players need is interaction with the top professionals. This can be possible only by having Pro Am tournaments.

Camus, the sponsors of the recent Singapore Asians, have been regularly holding Pro Am tournaments involving top professionals and local amateurs, in Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore. The results are evident from the progress their players made at the cost of Indians and Pakistanis at the Asians. Thailand had the first Asian champion Sakchai, and Hong Kong the second, Gary Kwok.

India has been lagging behind. Girish Parikh took the lead in organising tournaments in Bombay some time ago but his subsequent efforts have not been successful because of our foreign exchange constraints and the schedule of the professionals. A Pro Am tournament is a distant dream for us. And it is a wonder that we still get our Sawants and Agrawals and Sethis.

SWC correspondent



Maurice Kerr gives away the Lafir trophy to Gary Kwok, the Asian champ



World champ Om Agrawal

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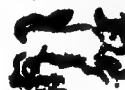
STAR TRACK

By Bejan Daruwalla



ARIES

Never mind if you feel a wee bit low, best to go all out in practice sessions, specially on and after the 11th. Those interested in chess, soccer, and specially in deep defence, squash, and that's a game of speed as well as stamina, do well. Trips and ties and probably a visit to hospitals and clinics for Arians



TAURUS

Try for a change the Jar-alai (pelota), the super fast ball game in a three walled-court. Alternatively the weights in a heave-ho, wrestling, horseshoe, pitching, the horseshoes, obviously, are specially made for it. Entertain in style dear Taureans and never you mind the expenses. It will all come back! Understood?



GEMINI

In your birth-month better get to peak-level efficiency, as, it will be easier to do so. Fencing is seriously suggested, as, you folks have skill and speed, more than brute strength. Just see you do not slip on the piste, the fencing area, that is. Diving and swimming are the other outlets. In your work area, put in extra effort please.



CANCER

Now or never it seems! This applies very specially to athletes and those interested in Aikido, in which not counter force but getting the defender to have the attacker off-balance, is the principle. Journeys, trips, ties complete the other goodies for you. News from a distant land is probable.



LEO

Yes, it is Karate for you, as of now at least! Also, there's the possibility of a nasty fall, an injury, so care is the watchword. Badminton is another suggestion, and here you are requested to hone up on the serve. Pertaining to loans and

funds will be crucial. A religious ceremony is foretold a la Ganesha!



VIRGO

Team events, please now! Say, cricket, soccer and the doubles in tennis and table tennis. Read same in real life. In other words, solicit goodwill and co-operation of others, rather than go it alone all the way. That way, you will succeed better, sail faster. Expect stiff competition in life and sports.



LIBRA

Korfball and basketball is the prescription this week. Try it. Good for balance and grace too, and both are Libran characteristics! Team handball is certainly a fast game and that should go well with you. On your job or in your profession, be a team man now. Good advice, believe me, or, you will fall out with colleagues and the big boss.



SCORPIO

Speedball which fuses soccer and basketball, was meant just for you children of fiery and furious Mars. In speedball, you can kick, throw and catch the ball. Got it? Also entertain in style. Hobby and romance are highlighted. Shortly, it will be journey time.



SAGITTARIUS

Billiards and rounders go well together! Rounders will not only im-

prove your running around the posts, but also improve your striking power. The other sport I recommend is the sprint, 100 mt, 200 mt. Renovation, decoration, housewarming, and a home away from home are the possibilities awaiting you this week.



CAPRICORN

Roller hockey, obviously it is played on roller skates, would be ideal, this week. Also, canoe slalom, a sport testing ability to negotiate a canoe and kayak. Great fun too! This is a newswy week. Calls, interviews, appointments, have your urgent attention. In life and sports play it fast and subtle.



AQUARIUS

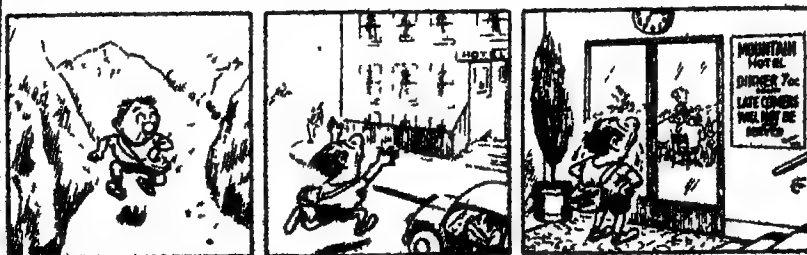
Cross-country racing, covering a minimum of 10 km and a maximum of 50 km but that might be too much rain, would be advisable. The other suggestion would be Luge tobogganing, where four runs are made down a course. Pairs event will prove better for you. Family and finance are spotlighted for all Aquarians.



PISCES

Pigeon racing, and here though all birds start from a single point but finish in their own loft, would be ideal. Also greyhound racing, as the moon's last quarter is in your sign. Show jumping should also go nicely with you! Personal affairs are strongly slanted for all Pisceans. Soon, it will be journey time, and, creative impulses will dominate.

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton





RACING

By Railbird

Rain, the spoilsport

THE low level of Bombay's Mahalaxmi Race Course and stable area, which are over a 100 years old, have been found to be disadvantageous only recently when it has been flooded with sewage and rain water.

Last November the flooding of the stable area with sewage water caused a considerable financial loss to the Royal Western India Turf Club and much inconvenience to all, concerned with racing. Early part of the Bombay meeting was conducted in Pune which resulted in smaller collections to the club, who also had to incur considerable expense to drain out the sewage and clean the stables so that they were made fit for occupation.

The torrential heavy rain in Bombay has almost affected the club adversely. The weighing room and a good part of the first enclosure was under about three feet of water and the stable area, which is below sea level anyway, was also flooded.

As a result, of course betting operations on the Bangalore summer meeting, which is the most popular of the several intervenue betting operations held in Bombay and Pune, had to be suspended and it is more than likely that the suspension will continue till the middle of July as a major cleaning operation has to be undertaken. Thus, the club will lose the revenue which is obtained from the of course betting transactions and they will also have to pay heavily for the cleaning operations, which, of course, will be hampered if there is more heavy rain.

There is one good result of this unfortunate situation. Taking care of the rat holes in the track is both time and money consuming. This should be less of a problem when the Bombay meeting will start next November because hundreds of rats were drowned in the floods!

There is a modicum of discontent in the higher echelons of the RWITC and there are likely to be some changes made. That is so because the factionalism, which has been the bane of the committee, has seeped into the administration, this comes from honorary officials openly giving preferential treat-

ment to pet officials.

Power is all. Bangalore's races which were scheduled for last Saturday had to be postponed apparently because of the rivalry in the leadership of the Union of the Syces in the employ of the trainers. The leadership has changed but the new set up took the view that the trainers were still dealing with the old leader and not with the new one who happens to be an M.L.A. so, on Saturday morning, they set up barriers and refused to let the trainers enter their stables. The Syces, themselves, neither fed nor watered the animals.

Through the good offices of the Bangalore Turf Club the dispute was resolved on the giving of an undertaking that only the new leadership would be recognised. However, it was too late to allow the animals who were down to run that day enough time to digest their feed and so the races were postponed till the following Wednesday. Fortunately, there is no racing at any other centre at the moment and any day of the week is available to the Bangalore authorities. The pity, of course, is that so small an issue which could have been amicably resolved across the table had caused the postponement of a race day and much inconvenience to everybody interested in racing.

The talking point in Bangalore is the absence of the spectacular success which has attended trainer R.R. Byramji, who has the biggest string in the country, in recent years. With more than half the season over he has sent out only six winners, while Zareer Darashah, who presently heads the table, has had 13 wins. What is surprising is that Byramji runners, which have been considered as virtual certainties and have been supported accordingly have been conspicuous failures. Has he lost the gift of the midas touch?

The latest odds-on Byramji failure was Artaius in the 1,600 metres Royal Calcutta Turf Club Cup. This Bangalore 2,000 Guineas winner was backed down to odds-on favouritism while the second favourite in the eight-horse field was at five. Artaius was beaten by two lengths by Belmont, who was just

three kilos lower than him in the scale. Perhaps, it is some consolation to know that Belmont's victory was made possibly by Marco Polo. Belmont is slow to warm up and he is at his best when the pace is fast. Marco Polo, in trying to ruin the opposition of their feet, set a fast pace and Belmont came from last position at the top of the straight to stretch out to victory in the minute, 39.6 seconds with four-metre wide false rails up. Ali Bahadur shaped as an early winner when lumbering even later on the scene to be four lengths behind Artaius and three-quarter length in front of Marco Polo.

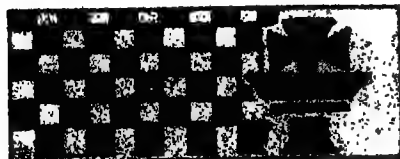
The bookmakers ring is a pitfall for those who crowd it but do not bet there. That somewhat contradictory statement is easily explained. The majority of people in the betting ring are there to follow the betting trend and, if possible, ascertain which of the known big punters is backing what. The reason they do this is apparently because they have no opinions of their own and are guided by those whom they think to be knowledgeable. Thus, eventually move to the totalisator windows and lay their bets on the horse which has attracted the most money in the ring. This is often suicidal.

There were two such glaring incidents in Bangalore. So much money flowed in for Shakeel in the lower division of the Yelahank Plate that Camarerro, who was the obvious choice, went out in the betting from 10 to 6 on to even-money. The ring watcher promptly pace his bet on Shakeel and rued the day. Shakeel was unplaced while Camarerro won easily by four lengths. The other incident was in the upper division of the same race in which Pretty Prince selected himself. Money flowed in for Chief Negotiator who started as the even-money favourite while Pretty Prince had drifted out. What was the result? Pretty Prince beat Chief Negotiator by a distance.

ANSWER TO TV SOCCER:
The punishment for dangerous play is an indirect free-kick.

YUGOSLAV players IM Miso Cebalo and GM Pedrag Nikolic took the first two places and qualified for the World Inter-Zonal in the Zonal Tournament at Kavala (Greece) of 15 players from Yugoslavia, Malta, Greece, Albania and Turkey.

Cebalo scored 11 and Nikolic 9½ ahead of GM Majanovic (Yugoslav Champion). IM Muco (Alb), 8½; GM Velimirovic (Yug) 8; FM Borg (MLT) and GM Kurajica (Yug) 7½.



Nikolic - Sembris

1.Nf3, d5 2.d4, Nf6 3.c4, dxc4 4.e3, e6 5.Bxc4, c5 6.OO, a6 7.a4, Nc6 8.Qe2, Be7 9.Rd1, OO 10.Nc3, Qc7 11.h3, Bd7 12.d5, exd5 13.Bxd5, Rad8 14.e4, Nb4 15.Bc4, Bc6 16.Rxd8, Rxd8? 17.Ng5, Be8 18.e5, Nfd5 19.e6!, f6 20.Nf7, Bxf7 21.exf7ch, Kf8 22.Nxd5, Nxd5 23.Bd2, Qe5 24.Qd3, Qh5 25.Re1, b5 26.axb5, axb5 27.Bxb5, Nc7 28.Qe4, Qxf7 29.Bc4, f5 30.Qe3, Qe8 31.Ba5, Rd4 32.Bxc7, Rxc4 33.Qe6, Rd4 34.Qxf5ch, Kg8 35.Qe6ch, Kf8 36.Be5, Rd7 37.Re3, Rd1ch 38.Kh2, Qg6

39.Qxg6, hxc6 40.Bxg7ch, Kxg7 41.Rxe7ch, 1-0.

Queen's Gambit Accepted.

7. a4) More usual is 7. Qe2.

11...Bd7) MCO gives Langeweg-Filip, Beverwijk 1966: 11...Rd8 12.d5!, exd5 13.Bxd5, Nb4 14.e4, Nfxd5 15.Nxd5, Nxd5 16.exd5!

16...Rxd8?) Better may be 16...Qxd8 keeping f7 protected.

19...f6) If 19...Bxg5 20.Bxg5, Rd6 (or 20...f6 21.e7, Rd7 22.Qe6ch; or 21...Rd6 22.Bf4 wins) 21.Bf4!, Nxf4 22.exf7ch, Bxf7 23.Qe8 mate.

21...Kf8) After 21...Kxf7 22.Nxd5, Nxd5 23.Qh5ch, Ke6 24.Bf4!, Qxf4 25.Re1ch decides.

23...Qe5) If 23...Nf4? 24.Qe4!, Rxd2 25.Qxh7 etc wins.

25...b5) To deflect the Bishop, for after 25...Qxf7 26.Qxh7 threatens 27.Qh8ch, Qg8 28.Qxg8ch, Kxg8 29.Rxe7 winning a piece.

25...Nb6 or Nf4 loses to the Queen sacrifice 26.Qxd8ch!, Bxd8 27.Rd8 mate; while 25...Nc7 would be met by 26.Qe4, Rd7 (or 26...Qe5 27.Qxh7; or 26...Bd6 27.Bf4! wins) 27.Qxb7.

30...Qe8) 30...Nd5 31.Qb3 puts an insoluble pin on the Knight.

31...Rd4) If 31...Rd7 32.Bxc7, Rxc7 33.Qe6 and mates.

41.Re7ch) White is two Pawns ahead.

Kurajica - Skalkotas

1.d4, Nf6 2.Nf3, b5?! (Polish Defence) 3.e3, a6 4.c4, bxc4 5.Bxc4, e6 6.Nc3, Bb7 7.OO, Be7? (better 7...d5) 8.d5!, exd5 9.Nxd5, OO 10.e4!, Nxd5 (10...Nxe4? 11.Re1 wins) 11.Bxd5, c6? (better 11...Bxd5) 12.Bb3, d6 13.Bf4, c5 14.Re1, Nc6 15.Bd5, Qb6? 16.Re3, Rad8 17.Rb3, Qa7 18.Ng5!, Na5 19.Qh5, Bxg5 20.Rh3!, Bh6 21.Bxh6, Bxd5 22.Bxg7!, Bxe4 23.Bf6!, 1-0 (23...Bg6 24.Qh6).



BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

North		
K8785		
10643		
B6		
West	43	East
10942		QJ3
QJ9852		K
nil		KJ97543
Q105	South	A2
	A	
	A7	
	AQ102	
	KJ987C	

THIS crazy deal came up in a Bombay League match between Poysha's team and Tanksalis.

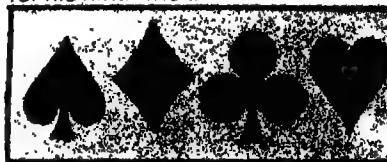
In the closed room Poysha picked up 300 with the N/S cards defending against 3DX. It looked an optimum result but the Open Room had a surprise in short.

W	N	E	S
(Avinash Gokhale)	(Fathar-phakar)	(Rajesh Datal)	(Subhas Dhakras)
P	P	10	x
1H	P	2D	3C
P	2S	P	3H
All	pass		

Dhakras had an awkward bid at his first turn. His actual choice of a take-out double might not have been everybody's cup of tea, yet

who can quarrel with success?

Avinash led the HQ. By his methods this promised a suit headed by either KQ or QJ9. Taking a royal haul Dhakras won the first trick with his ace and swiftly returned the club knave. — West won the trick with the queen and pressed on with the eight of hearts taken by dummy's ten. A low club from dummy brought in the club suit and declarer had an automatic end-play for his ninth trick.



Would Avi have done better by cashing his heart knave and exiting with a spade? Well yes, as the cards lie but this is hardly a plausible defence at single dummy. Moreover Avi's actual defence ensured defeat of the contract. In fact it had declarer nailed for two down. Have you seen where a wheel came apart?

On the second heart Rajesh should have discarded the club ace. That heart 8 was carrying a mes-

sage: "I am clearing my ears because I hope to get in. My entry is in clubs. You know I started life with QJ9 etc. So the 8 is the lowest card I can afford."

Even Rajesh, like Homer sometimes nods!

May be Avi should have shouted his message. May be he should have cashed the HJ and then led back the eight. This would also have taken care of partner having found an unblock with a doubleton king of hearts though with the ten spot in dummy, this would seem quite unlikely. Moreover Avi meant his actual play as a sort of wake-up signal — an odd-ball a la Reese if you know what I mean.

After the jettison of the club Ace, the declarer has to go not one down but two. He can clear clubs and lose four hearts and two clubs or take a deep finesse in diamonds, unblock the spade ace and exit with the diamond deuce for a more contortions seven tricks. Would you have found that spectacular discard in Rajesh's shoes? Rajesh is his own harshest critic but I can only say that there but for the grace of God go I...

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ing

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WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

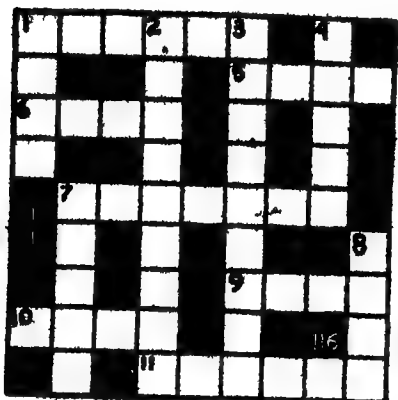
- 1 Which is the longest regular race for yachts?
- 2 Where is the world's largest marina for yachts?
- 3 What is the exponent of Sumo wrestling called?
- 4 What are the three basic powerlifts in powerlifting?
- 5 Where were the 1952 World Volleyball Championships held?
- 6 How many catches has Clive Lloyd held in his cricketing career?
- 7 How many wickets has Bob

- Willis taken against India?
- 8 Which county won the English County Championship in 1973?
- 9 In which year was the men's doubles event first introduced in the Wimbledon?
- 10 How many men participated in

- the inaugural Wimbledon Tennis Championship in 1877?
- 11 Who was the first American to win the Wimbledon and in which year?

ANSWERS:

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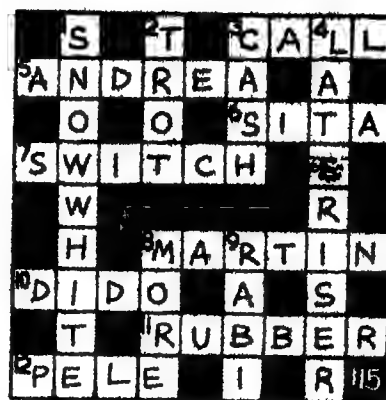
ACROSS

- 1 While one - gave us a run for our money, the other failed to produce the runs he was expected to do for India (6)
5 Four-letter word the Indian cricket captain has traditionally used (4)

- 6 Bombay suburb represented by Sekhar at two-third pace? (4)
7 Senator player of Spain? (7)
9 Downton is the first - to keep wicket for England after Gibb way back in 1947 48 (4)
10 Time was when cricketers sat back in this chair and looked forward to the tour as they travelled by boat! (4)
11 What Azharuddin threatens to make of the best bowling with that unique shot of his past fine-leg (1 5)

DOWN

- 1 India's co wicket-keeper with P G Joshi on our 1952-53 tour of West Indies on which both these stumpers were ultimately dropped, in the fifth and final Test for Vijay Manjrekar to don the big gloves! (4)
2 State of Indian spin as represented by Prasanna and Chan drasekhar? (9)
3 Abdul Hafeez Kardar so long as



he played his cricket in undivided India, was -- from the North (1 5-3)

- 4 Is a TV tennis star (5)
7 Came out as a 'pair' against the name of Zaheer? (5)
8 Mistake or position in which a mistake is always possible (4)

Q Are the cricketers Ghulam Parker and Ramnath Parker related?

Ridhish Pustode
Chandrapur

A No, they are not related

Q What is the Test record of former India captain M A K (Tiger) Pataudi? How many centuries did Richards score in the 1974-75 series against India?

Sultan K
Bangalore

A Tiger Pataudi has played 46 Tests, 83 innings, 3 times not out 2793 runs, 203 not out as his high est, 6 centuries, at an average of 34.91

Richards scored only one century in that series. He scored 192 not out in the second Test at Delhi

Q What is the national sport of India?

Ashish Sikka,
Jabalpur

Hockey

Q Where can I get the book 'Indian Cricket, The Vital Phase'?

Prakash N,
Bangalore

A The above mentioned book will be available at the following places, Bell Books, Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd, 5, Ansari Road, New Delhi 110002 or The Manne Sports, 63A, Gokhale Road (North), Dadar, Bombay 400 028

QUESTION BOX

Q What is the record for the fastest double century in first class cricket?

Bharat Shah,
Rajkot

The record for the fastest double century in first class cricket is held by two cricketers G L Jessop of Gloucestershire at Hove in 1903 and Clive Lloyd of West Indies at Swansea in 1976. Both of them scored their respective double hundreds in 120 minutes

Q What is the highest score of Sunil Gavaskar in Tests? How many fifties has he scored in Tests? What is his birth date?

Philip Thomas,
Bhilai

A Sunil Gavaskar's highest score in Tests is 236 not out against West Indies at Madras in the sixth Test of the 1983 series. He has scored 37 fifties in Tests. His birth date is 10-7-1949

Q What are the bowling figures of Dennis Lillee of his Test career?

Rangnath Rao,
Bombay

A Lillee has played 70 Tests 18469 balls 8469 runs 355 wickets at an average of 23.92

Q How many times did Joe Frazier win the World Heavyweight Boxing Title and in which years?

Laxmikant Lal,
Akola

Joe Frazier has won the World Boxing Title twice. First in 1968 and again in 1970

SPORTING SAM by Reg Wootton



A foreign coach is a must

THE AIFF seems to have woken up at last! For the last few years the parent body of soccer in the country was just content in fielding nearly the same side for the many international tournaments India participated in. In spite of the many shortcomings, few experiments were made. A glaring example is that of ex-skipper Shabbir Ali who was persisted with despite his many failures. That too at a time when scoring goals was imperative.

The recent decision of the AIFF to hold regional camps for promising uncapped players can help build up a reserve from which a strong national team can be selected. This practice is followed by some Asian countries like China and the results speak for themselves.

The appointment of a full time foreign coach is an absolute necessity. The newly chosen coach, P.K. Bannerjee, in spite of being given a free hand and ample time, could not deliver the goods at the last Asiad. It should be understood that the former Olympian is too egotistic and outspoken to be the ideal players' man.

One hopes that the AIFF learns a lesson or two from the rapid development of soccer in small Middle East countries who were wise enough to appoint coaches from Brazil or some other South American country. The type of football played in these countries is better suited for our players than the defence oriented European style.

A.K. Premchand
(Bombay-37)

Reverse sweep, an ungraceful stroke

I AM glad that my views on the 'back handed' stroke in cricket or the 'reverse sweep', as your correspondent Pat Gibson calls it, has been vindicated by none other than the great Peter May himself (SW June 12-18 and my letter to you published in your issue dated April 3-9).

Not only is this stroke unorthodox and unfair to the bowler, it is unaesthetic and ungraceful to watch. Above all it is ungentlemanly.

Outlawed it **MUST** be the sooner the better.

Jonathan Boler
(Bombay-71)

Chris Evert, setting a good example

CHRIS Evert-Lloyd deserves all praise for her magnificent victory over Martina Navratilova in the French Open Championships. She is one of the most well behaved and graceful players to have adorned the court, and her good manners and sporting spirit have been one of the hallmarks of modern tennis.

In recent years, Chris Lloyd



Chris Evert-Lloyd...graceful, good manners and sporting spirit, has been one of the hallmarks of modern tennis

seemed to have developed a mental block playing against Martina. With her victory at Roland Garros, she has proved that she is fit as ever, both mentally and physically, to handle her equally talented adversary.

Edberg, not the best bet

PAUL Fein's preview of the 1985 Wimbledon Championships in your issue dated June 26-July 2 was amazing. Either Paul had his tongue firmly in his cheek or he is plain bonkers. Stefan Edberg may

be the most promising player in the world, but he is certainly many notches below McEnroe or even Connors.

Is it possible to accept the odds offered by Fein? Or conversely, can I offer better odds than Fein on Edberg winning the tournament?

I am willing to bet my fortune that Edberg will not win.

Sashi Sahay
(Bombay-26)

'Choking'-an ignored aspect of sport

THE article on 'Choking' in your issue dated June 26-July 2 was superb. It was both informative and educative and highlighted one of the most ignored aspects of modern sports - sports psychology.

For the layman, most sports revolve around mere personalities. People are just interested in the names - John McEnroe, Connors, Evert Lloyd, Navratilova or even Gavaskar and Kapil Dev. Very few of them know or even bother to know what makes a sportsman succeed or fail, what motivates him, what are his fears, what is his training schedule etc.

I am sure that this particular article will have removed some misconceptions about sports and sportsmen/women from the thousands of readers who read Sportsweek.

Thank you very much again for the article.

Shakeel Gaya
(Bangalore-22)

Encourage other sports - not just cricket

A national sports magazine like Sportsweek should devote more pages to games other than cricket if India is to forge ahead in the world of sports. If half of the magazine is devoted to just one sport, there can be neither justice nor encouragement for the other disciplines.

Agreed that cricket is the most popular game in the country, but it is the duty of a national magazine to promote, highlight and encourage other sports also. The print media is still one of the most powerful vehicles of communication and if employed judiciously can mould and form public opinion, beneficially.

Savvy D'Costa
(Bombay-44)

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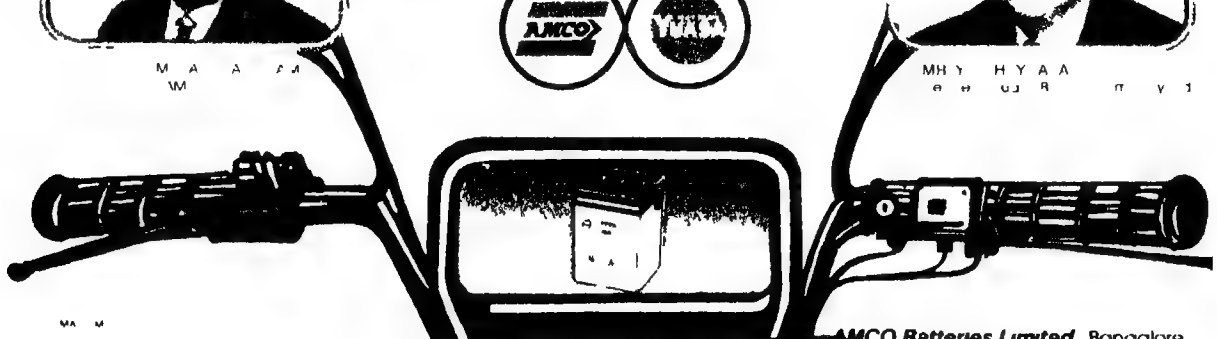
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